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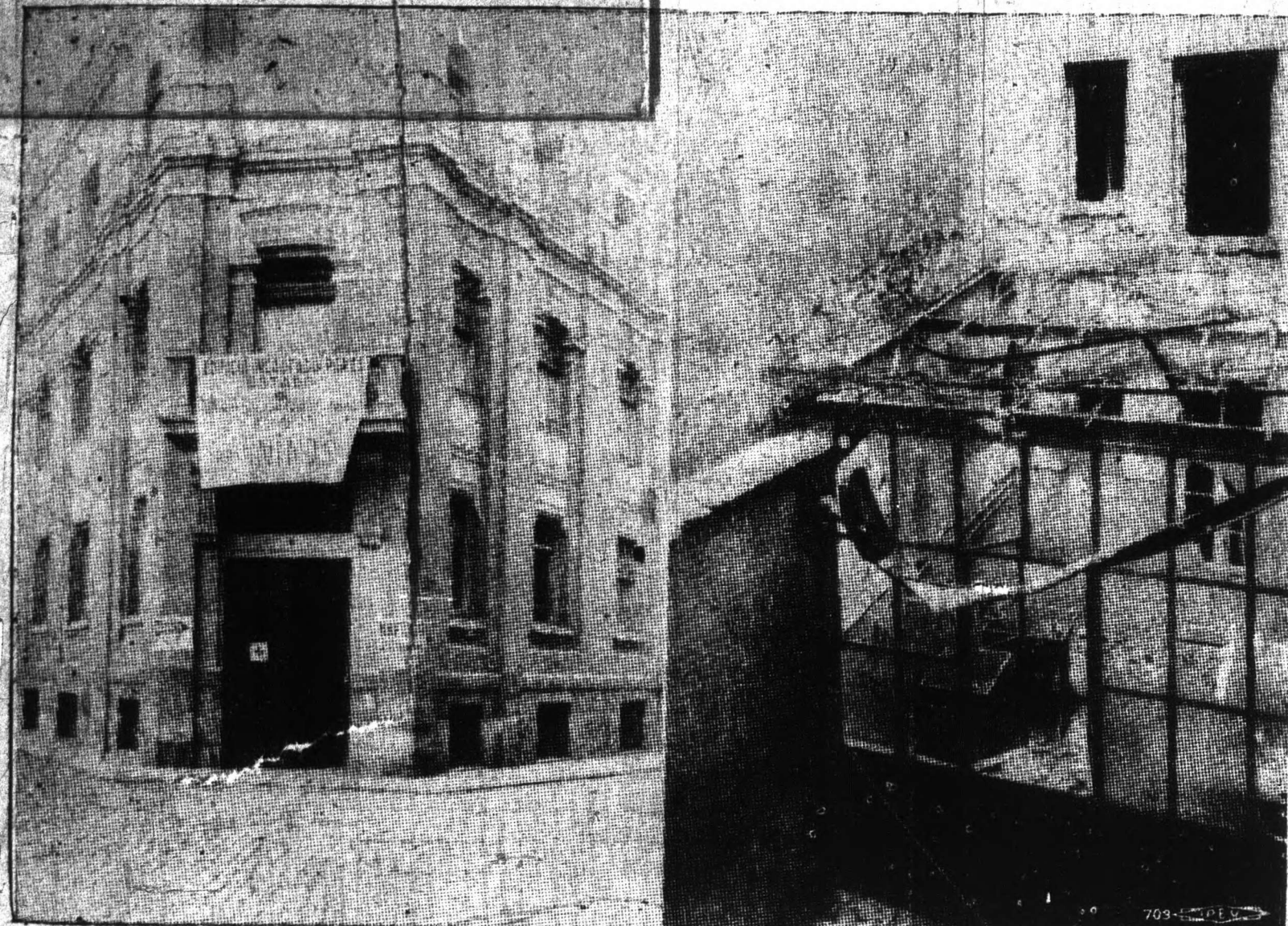
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## MARITIME UNIONS MAP FIGHT ON FINK BOOK



### AS TIDE IS STEMMED

Against barbarous Spanish Fascists whose handiwork is shown at left (the "Drop of Milk" children's home as it looked before and after Italian and Nazi Fascists bombed Madrid). Center photo, women trade unionists march to the front, in the defense of Madrid. At the right, loyalists militia men making their way up one of the slopes of the snow-clad Guadarramas mountain, north of Madrid.



### SHOW WARREN AS ATTORNEY FOR WALLACE

Miscalled 'Defendant'  
Is Placed at Door  
of Slain Man

OAKLAND—George Wallace, "defendant" in the ship murder frameup of Earl King, E. G. Ramsay and Frank Conner who is in reality a part of the frame-up machinery, was not "some distance away" but at the door of George Alberts' stateroom at about the time the killing took place.

This testimony was given by Frank Corrigan, assistant engineer on the Freightliner Point Lobos last March 22 when Alberts was killed. He was called to the witness stand to refute testimony by Wallace, testimony which proved that the latter's attorney in actual fact is not Public Defender Willard Shea, as would appear in the formalities of the court room, but District Attorney Earl Warren.

Part of Frameup  
Wallace, presumably pleading for "consideration" by the jury, backed up Earl Warren's story that the murder of Alberts, which he charged was actually committed by Ben Sackowitz, not as found by the prosecution, and an "unknown sailor," was a (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

### 4 Billion Dollar Robbery

Petition Attacks Oil  
Lands of State

LOS ANGELES.—One of the boldest acts of piracy yet has been plotted by the big oil corporations, who are obviously behind the petition for a suit filed by one Ben L. Blue, an oil attorney attacking the claim of ownership by the State of California to oil deposits estimated at \$4,000,000,000 in value.

The petition has been filed with Attorney General Cummings in Washington. The oil deposits are located on submerged lands off the southern California coast. They stretch for 200 miles.

### F. D. DECLINES TO TALK RELIEF

Although Appropriation Is  
Insufficient By Far

WASHINGTON.—Providing WPA with only \$500,000,000 to carry it through until the next fiscal year does not necessarily mean that relief rolls will be cut one-third, President Roosevelt said here. He refused to discuss the relief problem further than that.

Previously the President admitted that the deficiency appropriation for WPA to provide funds until July 1, 1937 would be about \$500,000,000. At this rate, funds would amount to approximately \$100,000,000 a month, or only about two-thirds of the present amount.

According to a law passed by the last Congress, only approximately \$280,000,000 can be transferred to WPA, that being 20% of the \$1,425,000,000 appropriation made by Congress to the WPA.

The President will send his recommendations for a deficiency appropriation to Congress during the first week. Estimates of the relief needs during the coming fiscal year of July 1, 1937 to June 30, 1938 will be sent to Congress sometime in March as a supplementary budget message.

### Ask Venue Change For Scottsboro 9

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The change of venue is asked by the Scottsboro Defense Committee, in a letter sent Governor Bibb Graves.

The nine Scottsboro boys are scheduled to go on trial for their lives in January. The Negro boys do not stand a chance in the Scottsboro-Decatur area.

### L.A. MAY HAVE LABOR SLATE IN ELECTIONS

District Council of  
Painters Calls  
Conference

LOS ANGELES.—In line with general feeling here in labor circles for a labor slate in the coming municipal elections, the Painters' District Council has issued a call to all trade unions to attend a conference to be held at 1748 Santee Street on Sunday, January 10th, 2 p.m., for the purpose of discussing labor's independent participation in these elections.

"For too long a time we have been denied a real voice in the affairs of our city," states the call.

Need Labor Candidates  
"We have been given only the choice of voting for candidates already selected for us by parties who have no interests in the problems we trade unionists face. As a result the labor movement has had forced upon it such obnoxious legislation as the anti-picketing law and such anti-labor officials as the L.A. 'Red Squad'."

"Labor has in many cases been denied the right to organize, strike and picket. The city authorities have done nothing to (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

### PICKET MARIN IN MODESTO FRAME

I. L. A. Members Lead In  
Unions' Protest

SAN RAFAEL.—Every Standard Oil gas station in Marin is being picketed in protest against the Modesto frameup.

It was in San Rafael on Wednesday that two of the 1935 tanker strikers, known as the Modesto boys—Alphonse Buyle and John Rogers, were railroaded on "dynamite burglary" charges to 1 to 15 year terms, after probation was denied.

The pickets here are mainly I.L.A. members who live in the southern part of the county. The Marin County Central Labor Council is backing the protest.

### Plan March on U.S. Capitol By Youth

(Convention details on Page 5)

CHICAGO.—A march on Washington between Feb. 20 and 22 is planned by the American Students Union to secure passage of the American Youth Act (the Besnon-Amble bill), which provides aid for American youth.

### WPA Men Finally Paid; They Had a Cheerless Xmas

SAN FRANCISCO.—WPA workers renovating the Sharp Park club house received belated pay checks on Tuesday, after going through a gloomy Christmas because they were not paid on time.

The workers had been promised their pay in time for the holidays.

## Copeland and Arbitration Acts Menace

Set-Up Like That On  
Railways Would  
Hog-Tie Unions

SAN FRANCISCO.—A new danger looms for maritime unions in the coming session of Congress, with the report that introduction is planned of legislation which would either extend the railway labor act and mediation board to the maritime industry, or else establish a similar act and board for the maritime industry.

Information received here states that 12 bills have been prepared already, dealing with the maritime situation, more or less from the compulsory arbitration point of view.

The San Francisco daily press has repeatedly taken up the shipowners' cry for extending the railway labor act to the marine industry.

What Happened on Railroads  
Under the railway labor act, strikes have virtually been prevented since 1922. Yet at the same time, railway labor saw between 750,000 and 1,000,000 workers made permanently unemployed, due to mechanization and the crisis; two wage cuts amounting to 25% were put through. Due to the cumbersome compulsory arbitration machinery, strikes were effectively blocked, even though railroad workers took many strike votes.

Edward F. McGrady, assistant secretary of labor, is one of those (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

### Ryan Personally Directs Police

NEW YORK.—Five striking seamen here told of an assault on them by five thugs, who jumped out of an automobile and beat the strikers with clubs.

The thugs shouted, "This is a present from Joe Ryan." The attack occurred on West Street.

Joseph Curran, leader of the East Coast seamen's strike, on Tuesday charged Ryan, I.L.A. international president, with personally directing police attacks on seamen's picket lines.

### Federation in Seattle Endorses Bridges

SEATTLE.—The Northwest joint strike committee unanimously adopted a resolution Wednesday expressing full endorsement of the leadership of Harry Bridges.

### Maritime Federation States Policy on Copeland Act

SAN FRANCISCO.—Meeting with the negotiations committee of the Marine Firemen's Union, Thomas G. Plant, chairman of the shipowners coast committee was informed that the union wished to amend the tentative agreement reached by acting secretary Ferguson of the Firemen last week. Plant stated that "we'll discuss that if you completely scrap the tentative agreement, but we'll take back many of the things we've compromised on."

The shipowners informed the Cooks and Stewards committee that the 8-hour day in 12 could not be granted. Shipowners have offered 9 in 13.

SAN FRANCISCO.—With the blacklisting fink continuous discharge book already being distributed on the East Coast, and scheduled to go into effect Jan. 20 under the Copeland Act, the fight to secure postponement of the act and to add amendments protecting maritime labor's rights has been redoubled.

The policy of the San Francisco Bay Area Council of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast toward the Copeland Bill is that the Council recommends that every member of the Maritime Federation refuse to accept the continuous discharge book (fink book) and the certificate of service or efficiency (dog collar) required by the Copeland Law.

This recommendation does not (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

### Simpson Home, Joined the Strike

NEW YORK.—Lawrence Simpson, Pacific Coast seaman jailed for over 17 months in Nazi concentration camps and prisons, is back.

Simpson arrived on the President Roosevelt, of the U.S. Lines. Since the Roosevelt was a truck ship, Simpson refused to carry out orders to work on the ship, and joined the East Coast seamen's strike.

He was kept in custody on the ship as a result.

Interviewed in Le Havre, Simpson said: "Of course the trial in Germany was biased because I am a Communist."

### L.A. LABOR IS RALLYING TO SACTO. MEET

Unions Are Electing  
To Legislative  
Conference

LOS ANGELES.—Labor and progressive forces are rallying strong here under the banner of the California People's Legislative Conference to combat efforts of the California Manufacturers' Association to jam through an anti-social program at the coming session of the State Legislature.

At the same time, these progressive forces were marshaling their ranks in a common front to insist that their elected representatives concern themselves with the needs of the people.

Unions Elect Delegates  
Already, several unions, among them the Millmen, Painters, International Ladies Garment Workers, Local 8, and several progressive organizations, such as the Continuation Committee, Epic, and the like, have elected delegates to attend the People's Legislative Convention at Sacramento, January 16th and 17th.

It is reported that this conference will be enthusiastically supported by civic leaders and even legislators.

### See Hint at Little NRA, in F.D. Words

WASHINGTON.—In what is regarded as a possible plan to set up a little NRA, President Roosevelt on Tuesday called for elimination of child labor, long working hours and low wages.

Roosevelt pointed to the breakdown of conditions and wages since the Supreme Court killed the NRA.

Roosevelt, however, has surrendered to the attacks of the reactionary Supreme Court, and does not plan to push any laws which the Supreme Court can declare invalid.

Ignores 30-Hour Week  
Roosevelt did not mention the 30-hour week, with no wage reduction, for which the A.F.L. stands committed, nor did he mention any specific minimum wage rate, or union wages.

## Fascists Blasted By Spanish Miners

MADRID.—The heroic miners of Asturias—"dynamiters"—again led the way for the defense of Madrid against the Fascists when they led government militiamen in a clean-up of Basuero, on the outskirts of the city, last Wednesday.

The Fascists had succeeded in placing machine gun nests in houses fringing the town, but were literally blown out of the houses by the Asturian miners, who hurled hundreds of sticks of dynamite into the nests.

In the Cordoba sector, government forces won again, dispatches from Andujar, Jean Province, stated, the Fascists losing 5000 men in fighting around Lopera and Villa Del Rio. Four battalions of German soldiers were among the Fascist forces who were defeated.

Govt. Dominates Valley  
Government forces also won complete domination of the Zaragoza valley by capturing a cemetery at Teruel, and Mount Mansueto.

So firm is the defense of Madrid that 18 motion picture theaters have reopened.

France is again reported to be considering abandoning the attempt to capture Madrid.

Nazi Ship Released  
The German steamship, Palos, seized by government forces at Bilbao when it was discovered to be carrying war materials to the Fascists, was released last Tuesday.

It was reported that, as a result of negotiations between the Basque provincial government there and the commander of the Nazi cruiser Koenigsberg, the ship was freed but the war materials it carried were retained.

### Plan to Shunt L.A. Jobless Into Camp

LOS ANGELES.—Single and unattached workers, who have been forced by circumstances to accept relief from the County Charities Department, are to be shunted into a large camp in the County Bureau of Budget go into effect.

At present the workers are housed in private homes and rest homes, from which it is convenient to seek employment in private industry.

However, if the plans of the Bureau of Budget go through, and they are sent to a camp situated in an out-of-the-way place, as likely will be the case, there will be little or no hope of securing jobs other than those least desired ones provided by the authorities.

### American-Haywire Quadrupled Profit For the Year 1936

SAN FRANCISCO.—American-Hawallan S.S. Co., one of the "poverty-stricken" Big Four lines blocking maritime peace on the West Coast, garnered in net profits of \$1,315,104 for the 11 months ended November 30, 1936.

This compared with net profits of \$373,815 in the same period in 1935.

The net profits after allowing for depreciation and after capital gains or losses for the 11 months was \$719,170, as against a net loss of \$164,966 for the same period in 1935.



## ATTEMPT TO FRAME NEGRO LEADER FAILS

**Pettis Perry Beaten  
In Los Angeles  
Police Station**

LOS ANGELES—Beaten, cursed and accused of molesting white women after he had been arrested while walking along the 2600 block on Slawson avenue, Huntington Park, Pettis Perry, long known as an honored leader of the Negro working people, was released within forty minutes of his arrest, when it was found that not a scrap of evidence existed to warrant holding him.

Hustled into the police station by arresting police, Perry was turned over for booking to the desk sergeant, whose first words were: "Where do you work, you black —?"

Perry replied that he was a full-time organizer for the Communist Party.

**Perry Beaten**  
"I said, 'Where do you work, you black —?'" roared the guardian of the peace. "I've already told you," said Perry. "I work as organizer for the Communist Party." "Oh, you do, eh?" said the sergeant, lashing out with staggering blows at Perry.

After a vicious beating, Perry was asked if he liked the United States and he replied that he did and that was the reason he was member of the Communist Party.

The sergeant then said: "Why, you —, I'd like to take this pistol, march you over to the park and blow your head off." "I'll loan you a rope and you can fix him up in proper style," said one of the arresting police.

Cursed and threatened, Perry was then thrown into a cell. He was released a half hour later when the police could not even produce a woman who would attempt to identify him as her assailant.

Later, when some white friends inquired at the police station to learn if Perry was still being held, the only answer they received from the police was: "Can you imagine that—white people coming to see about a —damned nigger."

## Exonerate Bridges In Auto Death

LOS ANGELES.—Harry Bridges was completely exonerated of all blame in connection with the death of 8-year-old Joe Miranda by a coroner's jury in Long Beach December 29.

Coroner F. A. Nance accepted immediately the verdict reached by the jury in less than half an hour.

Testimony, supplied by six witnesses, showed that Bridges was not exceeding the speed limit and was not on the wrong side of the road when the accident occurred.

It was further shown that the Miranda boy had been riding his bicycle on the wrong side of the road and had no light on it.

Testifying at the inquest, Bridges said that he had seen the boy swing in front of him only a split second before the impact and that he had jammed on the brakes and stopped immediately. His version of the accident was corroborated by several witnesses.

Even the member of the police department, I. A. Bell, who investigated the accident, said that in his opinion Bridges could not have avoided the crash.

## How About Income Tax Dodgers In California?

SACRAMENTO.—Fred E. Stewart, Oakland, member of the State Board of Equalization who was under fire in the recent liquor graft investigation, was bragging here that California is the most successful of 37 states in the collection of sales tax revenue, according to figures produced at the National Tax Administrators' Association meeting in Indianapolis.

## NEW SERIES ON AGRICULTURE

To Begin in Next Issue of Western Worker

Beginning with next issue the Western Worker will publish a series of articles on Agriculture in California, based on figures from the U.S. Census of Agriculture for 1935 (just released) and other governmental sources.

These articles will show the rise of large scale industrial farming, the squeezing out of the middle farmer, the increase of farm tenancy, the plight of farm produce and the relationship of California agriculture to the breakdown of agriculture for

## Negroes in Soviet South—And Full Equality



DESCENDANTS OF African slaves brought to work on plantations of the Caucasus 300 years ago by Turkish lords, the families of these children today belong to a collective farm in Soviet Abkhazia, where they enjoy fullest equality with all others. The youngsters here shown are named Abash, Shamil Chanba and Tsiba Chanba.

## Mooney Is Closer To Freedom, Says Attorney Davis

NEW YORK.—Findings and analyses of 13 months of hearings on the Mooney case conducted by a referee for the California state supreme court will be presented to him by both sides on Jan. 4, one month before the 20th anniversary of Mooney's conviction and imprisonment.

Flying to New York with the 20 volumes of testimony totaling 14,000 pages gathered in these hearings, George T. Davis, attorney for Mooney, told newspapermen here that for the first time all evidence in the case had been heard and that Mooney is closer to freedom than he has ever been before.

Though Davis declared that he could not see how any court could overlook the overwhelming evidence of Mooney's innocence in the testimony now gathered, he added that the case would be immediately brought before the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

Davis conferred with Frank P. Walsh and John Finerty, co-counselers, here.

## Herndon's Appeal Set for February

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Hearing of Angelo Herndon's appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court will not be heard until sometime in February, it was learned here. Date of the hearing had previously been set for December.

Herndon's appeal is against a sentence of 18-20 years on the Georgia chain-gang, for organizing Negro and white unemployed, in 1932.

Constitutionality of the "slave-insurrection" law under which Herndon was convicted is being contested before the Supreme Court by Whitney North Seymour, noted constitutional attorney retained in Herndon's defense by the International Labor Defense, which has led the struggle to free Herndon.

## Scalers Have NOT Signed Agreement

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Western Worker is glad to publish the following correction sent in by the Scalers Union, I.L.A. Local 38-100.

"In the Dec. 28th issue of the 'Western Worker' appears an article reporting that an agreement has been signed by this local with the majority of the fish reduction companies.

"For your information, we are at present negotiating with the companies affiliated with the Pacific Coast Fisheries Institute. A tentative agreement was proposed by the negotiations, which will be taken up with the companies directly. No agreement has been signed."

## WEST COAST WILL REFUSE FINK BOOKS

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in any way constitute a violation of the United States law by the Maritime Federation and its members. Every American citizen has the right to say whether or not he is to work and to choose his occupation.

By refusing to accept the continuous discharge book and certificate of service the American seamen states in effect: "I do not choose to work on a ship under conditions which will deprive me of my freedom and destroy my Union." By this act the seaman is merely exercising a right guaranteed him under the United States Constitution. In attempting to mislead the public the Fascist-minded shipowners have stated that seamen are planning "an insurrection" against the Government and its laws. This is absolutely untrue.

Seamen object to the continuous discharge book and certificate of service because experience with similar books and certificates in England, Australia and Italy have shown that they can be used by the employers and their agents as instruments to blacklist and discriminate against Union seamen.

The Copeland Laws contain no provision for collective bargaining or the recognition of unions which seamen may elect to join. Under dictatorial and bureaucratic powers given to the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation it is possible for these bodies, in collaboration with the shipowners, to destroy the maritime unions and return the seamen to conditions of virtual slavery.

**Weaver's Record**  
The Pacific Coast Seamen have no faith or confidence in Joseph P. Weaver, Director of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, who will be responsible for the enforcement of the Copeland Safety of Life at Sea Act.

Weaver's previous record has shown definitely that his interests are identical with those of the shipowners. His action of suppressing the public investigation of the Morro Castle disaster and having his own department investigate and try to whitewash the recent white-washing of the Captain Yardley case shows that Weaver is more concerned with promoting the interests of shipowners than with safeguarding life and property at sea.

American seamen were denied the right to be present and present their case when the Senatorial Committee on Commerce drafted the law on the Copeland Bill. At these hearings the seamen's case was presented by such reactionary and discredited officials as Paul Scharrenberg. Scharrenberg has been expelled from the Sailor's Union of the Pacific and repudiated by all organized American seamen. He represents no one but himself.

**Will Go to Congress**  
For these reasons the Pacific Coast seamen—the men who actually operate the ships and who must work under the provisions of the Copeland Laws—believe that enforcement of these laws should be delayed until they have an opportunity to present their side of the story to Congress. They believe that the fink books and dog collar certificates are un-American and anti-labor measures which were "put over" on American seamen by a powerful shipowners' lobby.

by during the closing hours of the last session of Congress. Many Congressmen who have been contacted by the seamen admit that they have never read the Copeland Laws. The seamen also believe that these laws are a step toward the regimentation and licensing of other classifications of workers, such as longshoremen and teamsters.

**Townsend Rules Out  
Democracy in His  
Pension Movement**

RAPID CITY, So. Dak.—Until his pension plan is enacted into law, there can be no democracy in the Townsend movement, declared Dr. Francis E. Townsend, founder of the organization, who announced he intends to retain his one-man rule over the organization and of the Townsend weekly publication.

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## S.F. ALLIANCE FORCES RAISE IN WPA WAGES

**10% Increase Given  
In Monthly Wages  
For Laborers**

SAN FRANCISCO.—Approval of a 10 per cent increase in monthly wages and increase of hourly rates for common labor from 51 cents to 75 cents an hour has been granted by the W.P.A. in San Francisco and approved by the state office.

The new rates are the result of demands of the workers, expressed through the Workers' Alliance, and arrived at in negotiations between the W.P.A. heads and a committee representing the Workers' Alliance and the American Federation of Government Employees.

**75 Per Cent Benefit**

The new hourly rates are effective only for heavier type of labor. Workers assigned to special light work on account of inability to perform heavier tasks will be raised to 60 cents an hour. Approximately 75 per cent, however, will come under the 75-cent rating, according to Alex Noral, state organizer of the Workers' Alliance.

First conferences resulted in a promise of hourly increase to only 65 cents for common labor on all except the building, sidewalk and street work, which would receive 75 cents. Inclusion of the larger number in this latter category was approved only after the W.P.A. officials realized that the results of the negotiations would go back to the Workers' Alliance locals where it was expected that the higher rate would be insisted on for all.

Noral announced that the Workers' Alliance is now attempting to have the new hourly rates and the monthly increase, pending ratification by the locals, incorporated in the January allotment from Washington.

**UNIONS' STAND  
IN NEGOTIATIONS**

**Firemen Ask Changes In  
Tentative Agreement**

SAN FRANCISCO.—The continued stiff-necked attitude of the shipowners in negotiations drew the following statement from the Marine Firemen's Union, signed by Harry Gray, union spokesman:

"If it is very obvious from the brief conference held with the employers that they do not intend to compromise one inch. When told that the men could consider going back on the job in 24 hours if the basic demands were granted, they pointed out that they have basic demands, too, that they will not compromise."

**Basic Changes**  
The committee is of the unanimous opinion that certain basic changes must be made in the tentative agreement before acceptance can be considered.

"The shipowners, when confronted with the proposed amendments, stated: 'We will not even consider them unless you are willing to completely scrap the present tentative agreement.'"

"We ask the public to judge for themselves if the shipowners are sincere in seeking to settle this controversy."

The Masters, Mates and Pilots organization stated:

"The rupture of negotiations between the shipowners' committee and the Masters, Mates and Pilots, West Coast Local No. 90, was caused by refusal of the shipowners to grant preference of employment to the M. M. and P. and other licensed officers' unions."

**Preference**  
This issue, the granting of preference of employment, is one of the most important and fundamental of the maritime dispute. However, it is an extremely simple one, and there is no reason why the public should not understand it clearly. And a thorough understanding of this issue makes the entire dispute appear considerably less complicated.

"Preference of employment does not mean the so-called 'closed shop.' It does not mean interference with the right of the employer to select his men. It does not mean rotation of jobs."

"Preference of employment of M. M. and P. means filling vacancies as they occur with members of the union, with the owner having the right of unrestricted selection. Preference of employment also means that the employer recognizes the union as the collective bargaining agency of those men represented by the union."

"It also means that the union members are protected against

## Labor To Be in LA Elections

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outlaw vigilante bands or armed gun-thugs brought in to break strikes. Are we to continue to be the 'goats'?"

The conference is planned to work out a labor platform and a labor slate of candidates.

**Toward Labor Party**

The call also points out the successes achieved by the American Labor Party in New York, Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party, Washington Commonwealth Federation and Wisconsin Progressive Federation, as "but a small indication of what organized labor can do in winning recognition for itself on the political field."

The call is signed by District Council of Painters, No. 36, George W. Kerr, Secretary.

Progressive forces all over the city are becoming engaged in lively activities in cooperation with labor and a broad-reaching plan of publicity is under way.

A Municipal Election Club has been set up by leading members of the trade union movement here, which, together with large numbers of rank-and-file unionists, is pledged to throw its entire support to this campaign.

## NEUTRALITY TO FACE CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—With the world closer to war than at any time since 1918, three major proposals for expanding the U.S. neutrality law during the coming session of Congress have been advanced.

One proposition would extend the war-time arms embargo to war materials such as iron, steel, cotton and copper; some would include food and clothing, while others would let Roosevelt decide what is contraband.

Limitation of all exports to belligerent nations to the pre-war or "normal" level, except munitions, is another proposal. The third proposition would be a "cash and carry" policy, allowing belligerents to take goods in their own ships if they paid cash for them.

Remembering that neutrality laws failed to keep America out of the last war, labor and progressive forces are expecting to press for legislation under which the U.S. would cooperate with the League of Nations, the Soviet Union and other collective forces for peace.

In his speech at the Inter-American Peace Conference at Buenos Aires, Secretary of State Cordell Hull indicated new developments on the peace front when he came out for people's movements for peace in the countries of the two Americas.

Although he placed neutrality pacts as the key to peace, a policy exploded in 1917, Hull did indicate a new policy opens up possibilities for cooperation by the U.S. with other forces for peace throughout the world.

Wall Street and other financial interests are expected bitterly to oppose any strong neutrality legislation; financial journals have expressed the hope for a big war which would not involve the U.S. but leave the U.S. capitalists free to sell war materials to the belligerents.

## Auto Union's Last Call to Gen. Motors

DETROIT.—Auto workers' leaders from 10 cities will meet at Flint Sunday to map out the United Automobile Workers Union drive for collective bargaining with General Motors.

Homer Martin, union president, has given General Motors a final chance to meet the union on collective bargaining.

In a statement by union vice-president Wyndham Mortimer, "The growing seriousness of the situation due to strikes in General Motors plants in Atlanta, Kansas City and Cleveland," was pointed out.

any discrimination that the employer or his agents may attempt to invoke.

"The union members have learned from experience the necessity for insisting upon preferential employment. It is necessary to protect them from discrimination, and from the paid espionage system employed by the shipowners on board vessels and even in the meetings of our union. It is necessary to protect them from the past and present efforts of the shipowners to organize company unions, whose main purpose is to misrepresent the men on board ship, and whose officers are mere puppets of the shipowners."

## WESTERN WORKER DRIVE LAGS, BUT MOST SECTIONS CAN REACH HALF-WAY MARK BY JANUARY 7

**Santa Barbara Shows the Way by Raising  
85% of Its Quota Ahead of Time;  
Letters Show Workers Approve**

Challis, Idaho.

"Western Worker,"

San Francisco:

Find enclosed \$3 for one year's subscription. I don't like to be without your paper. This is a small town, but if you will send a sample copy to me, I think they would send to you for a subscription. Let us know all you can about the Soviet Union and the Farmer-Labor Party. Long live the workers.

This is one of dozens of letters coming unsolicited from workers as they subscribe or renew their subscriptions. They want the Western Worker to continue and to improve.

Santa Barbara Section has already far surpassed its task of reaching the half-way mark in the financial drive by January 7, having raised 85 per cent of its \$250 quota.

How many other sections can reach the half-way mark by January 7?

New Year's Eve parties are scheduled in most of the larger sections. Smaller affairs are arranged throughout the state. Send in the funds immediately, so that your section can get credit for reaching its quota as scheduled.

In the accompanying box are the standings of the various counties and sections up to January 28. Who is responsible for the lag in the four major sections: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Alameda and San Diego? Who is responsible in the smaller sections: Stockton, Monterey, Bakersfield, Fresno, Nevada, Arizona? Will the Young Communist League organize a drive for its quota, in order to maintain the youth page which starts with this issue?

## WESTERN WORKER-DAILY WORKER DRIVE STAND- ING AS OF DECEMBER 28, 1936.

County	Quota	Raised	Per Ct.
Santa Barbara	\$125	\$106.57	85.3
Merced	50	20.00	40.0
Sacramento	150	43.50	29.0
Sonoma	150	42.40	28.2
San Bernardino	100	28.00	28.0
Los Angeles	5000	1282.74	23.6
Fort Bragg	75	17.10	22.8
Eureka	50	10.00	20.0
Contra Costa	100	18.16	18.6
Alameda	1000	154.72	15.5
San Francisco	3000	450.00	15.0
San Diego	400	45.13	11.3
Santa Clara	150	15.00	10.0
San Mateo	150	6.00	4.0
Tulare	50	1.00	2.0
Stockton	50	.85	1.7
Monterey	100	.50	.5
At Large	1050	5.40	.5
Bakersfield	50	—	—
Fresno	50	—	—
Nevada	25	—	—
Arizona	25	—	—
Y. C. L.	100	—	—
Total	\$12000	\$2247.07	18.7
Yet to be raised		9752.93	81.3
Quota		\$12000.00	100.0

## 'DEFENDANT' IN TRIAL EXPOSED

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conspiracy of union officials. Under cross-examination for several days, Wallace contradicted his story in numerous details and Shea on Tuesday gave as an excuse the fact that Wallace is uneducated.

Warren attempted to minimize Corrigan's testimony by recalling the fact that Corrigan had denied any knowledge on the day of the murder. However, the defense pointed out that Corrigan had denied any knowledge on the day of the murder. However, the defense pointed out that Corrigan went to the District Attorney's office two weeks ago telling them the story he told Tuesday on the witness stand. Corrigan said he did not say anything at the time because he was afraid that whoever killed Alberts might be after him, too.

**Home to Roost**  
Warren's "accusation" that the King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee had offered Wallace \$5000 to hire an attorney who would "cooperate" with them—backfired on him.

George Anderson, attorney for King, said it was true that the committee had offered to pay up to \$5000 for any attorney Wallace wanted, and that Wallace had refused.

Herbert Resner, attorney for Conner, charged that Wallace was really represented by Warren. When Shea denounced this as false, Resner said:

"The Public Defender is supposed to represent indigents. The fact that Wallace had \$5000 available for an attorney and rejected it and took the public defender instead, shows a prearrangement with the District Attorney's office, Shea and Wallace."

## Oakland Lenin Meet

OAKLAND, Cal.—A tribute to Lenin will be given at Danish Hall, 164 11th St., Oakland, at 8 p.m., January 21st.

The Lenin Memorial Meeting will be addressed by representatives of the Communist Party who will present Lenin's life and works as one of the most precious heritages of the revolutionary struggle.

## Arbitration Law Looms as Menace

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reported to have prepared legislation to bring the maritime workers under this no-strike set-up.

Had the railway labor act existed in the maritime industry this year, the unions would have been forced to continue working for many months under conditions which had become intolerable, while long-drawn-out compulsory arbitration took place. (Previous issues of the Western Worker have analyzed the railway labor act and board.)

The coast policy committee of the maritime unions have set up a law and legislation committee, whose members are:

Randolph Meriwether of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association; E. B. O'Grady of the Masters, Mates and Pilots of America; R. H. Caisin, Marine Cooks and Stewards' Association; Walter Stack, Marine Firemen, Oilers, Water Tenders and Wipers' Association; Mervyn Rathborne, American Radio Telegraphists' Association, and Secretary of the Joint strike committee, C. J. Miller of Longview, Wash., International Longshoremen's Association.

## Friends of Soviet In L.A. Arrange Series of Lectures, Concerts

LOS ANGELES.—As the first event in a series of lectures and concerts which will include a symposium on the new Soviet Constitution, the American Friends of the Soviet Union will present Mrs. Ferdinanda W. Reed and Mrs. Belle Dubnoff in talks on the subject "Home Life in U.S.S.R.," Sunday, January 3rd, at the Walker Auditorium, 730 S. Grand Ave.

Other events in the series will include a talk and pictures by Dr. J. Coleman from a recent tour of the Soviet Union. L. Sirmnow of the New Film Group is cutting the film now and it will be ready soon for showing. John Bovington, well-known modern dancer, and his dance group is to present a dance drama, and Dr. Fred W. Ingvalstad, famous lecturer on Russia will speak with his subject "I speak as I see."



# A Special Maritime Strike Page of News and Features

## BRIDGES PUT IT ALL OVER LAPHAM IN DEBATE BEFORE THE PUBLIC IN LOS ANGELES

**\$1000 Is Donated by Audience to Maritime Strike; Bridges Deals With Demands of All Striking Unions**

LOS ANGELES—"The workers in the maritime unions did not want to strike and they only resorted to it in sheer desperation after two months of fruitless negotiations with the shipowners," declared Harry Bridges, district president of the International Longshoremen's Association, in a debate with Roger Lapham, president of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, at the Olympic Auditorium here December 27 before 6000 persons who had braved a pouring rain to "hear both sides of the story."

### Shipowners' Intentions

Taking up the separate problems of the seven striking unions, Bridges said workers and union officials alike were convinced after bitter experiences that the shipowners had no intention of agreeing to a settlement except on their own terms. "They want us to arbitrate as to whether we will get anything or not. They ask us to arbitrate. 'Will you be slaves,'" said Bridges.

"You will notice that when Mr. Lapham speaks of the increased average wages of maritime workers, he always uses the longshoremen as an example. Of course, the longshoremen get better wages than the other striking workers, but they were won only after a hard fight."

Bridges pointed out that in the past sailors might work as much as eight to sixteen hours overtime and not get paid for it unless the owners felt like giving it to them. He said that for this overtime the men were given time off in foreign and out-of-the-way ports, where often there was no work to be done, anyway, and that they now demand cash pay for overtime.

Recalling that in every country except the most backward, workers had won the right to the eight-hour day and that this was one of the most important demands in the present strike, Bridges said that the demands of the marine cooks and stewards comprised an eight-hour day in a spread of 12 hours, as against a ten-hour day in a spread of 15, and that this demand had been turned down flatly by the employers less than a week ago in San Francisco.

### Masters' Mates Demand

In spite of the fact that shipowners have proclaimed far and wide that they are anxious to reach a settlement, they have refused to agree to such basic demands of the Masters, Mates and Pilots as a union hiring hall and have even gone so far as to declare they would show preference to non-union officers when the strike is ended, said Bridges. "If we cannot work as union men," then we cannot have unions," he declared.

Contrary to popular opinion, the masters of ships, with their heavy responsibilities and long hours, are not highly paid. They, like the sailors and cooks, demand cash for overtime, as well as union hiring halls, Bridges said.

International laws definitely state that radio operators may work only eight hours a day at radio work; yet in the past they were to be found on the deck doing everything but radio work, from painting stacks to splicing lines.

Lapham opened his address by stating that he was not there to argue the respective rights of humans and property.

"But unless property rights are respected, what becomes of wages?" he asked innocently.

### Lapham Dodges

He said the strikers, licensed and unlicensed, had been paid what they were worth, but he did not say on what authority this worth was determined.

On the question of union hiring halls, Lapham carefully avoided mention of shipowners' discriminatory practices against militant workers in hiring hall controlled by themselves.

"All we ask is the right to judge the qualifications of the men we hire," he said.

"Labor and industry maintain a partnership," said Lapham, and maritime workers point out that it is the kind of partnership where they do all the work, under the most unfavorable conditions and at lowest wages, while the owners bask in lavish wealth, a good part of which comes from government subsidies.

In replying to Lapham's remarks that it is untrue that shipowners draw fat subsidies from the government and that those they got were used only to compete successfully with foreign ships, so that American sailors could be maintained on

## FURNITURE COUNCIL OF N. W. TO AID

**Expresses Its Fullest Support to the Maritime Strike**

HOQUIAM, Wash.—A strongly united labor body, which learned the value of unity from the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, has pledged its fullest support to the maritime strikers of the West Coast. Its message of support follows:

W. Fisher, Pres. Maritime Federation, 24 California St., San Francisco, Calif.

Please be informed that at our last Northwest District Council of Furniture Workers meeting, held at Centralia, Washington on Nov. 22, 1936, this body went on record pledging their full support to the Maritime Federation in their present labor troubles.

We feel that all organized labor is behind you in your difficulties, and we stand ready to aid you in any possible way we can.

Wishing you a speedy victory, we remain fraternal yours,  
**THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT OF FURNITURE WORKERS.**  
Jack Moore, Rec. Sec.,  
3114 Simpson Avenue,  
Hoquiam, Washington.

decent living standards, Bridges quoted figures which proved that of government subsidies amounting to \$708,000,000 more than \$177,000,000 had been stolen and grafted by the shipowners.

Bridges said that Dollar himself, after "negotiating" deals with the government that netted him millions of dollars of profit, had padded his expense account, and cited as examples cases where Dollar put in claims for railroad fare when it was proven that he was in possession of free passes.

He said that this same "honest" Dollar, and others, while "doing business" in Washington, D.C., had put in claims for hotel expenses of \$65 a day, which is more than seamen receive for a month's work.

"When I make the statement that we are not only dealing with insincere men but with thieves, I am prepared to prove it," declared Bridges. He did.

"We want to end this strike as quickly as possible. If the public believes the strikers are entitled to cash overtime, the eight-hour day and union hiring halls, and say so, and say it loud enough, I can assure you that we can have the strike ended in 24 hours," said Bridges.

Other prominent speakers were J. W. Gillette, business agent of the Musicians' Union, chairman; Joseph Packard of the American Civil Liberties Union, Roger Johnson of the Newspaper Guild, Kenneth Thompson of the Screen Actors' Guild, Roy Donnelly, president of the San Pedro local of the I.L.A.; Rev. Floyd Seamen of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church; and Bill Busick of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union.

More than \$1000 was contributed to the strike committee by the enthusiastic crowd. The donations included a check for \$100 from the Los Angeles branch of the Communist Party.

**TREASON IN NAZLAND**  
BERLIN—Twenty-three different "crimes" are listed as treason in the new Nazi penal code. All are punishable by beheading.

**A FARCE TRIAL**  
RIO DE JANEIRO—A secret Brazilian tribunal will try Arthur Ewert, exiled German Communist leader, held in a dungeon since Dec. 26, 1935.

## When the French Seamen Strike

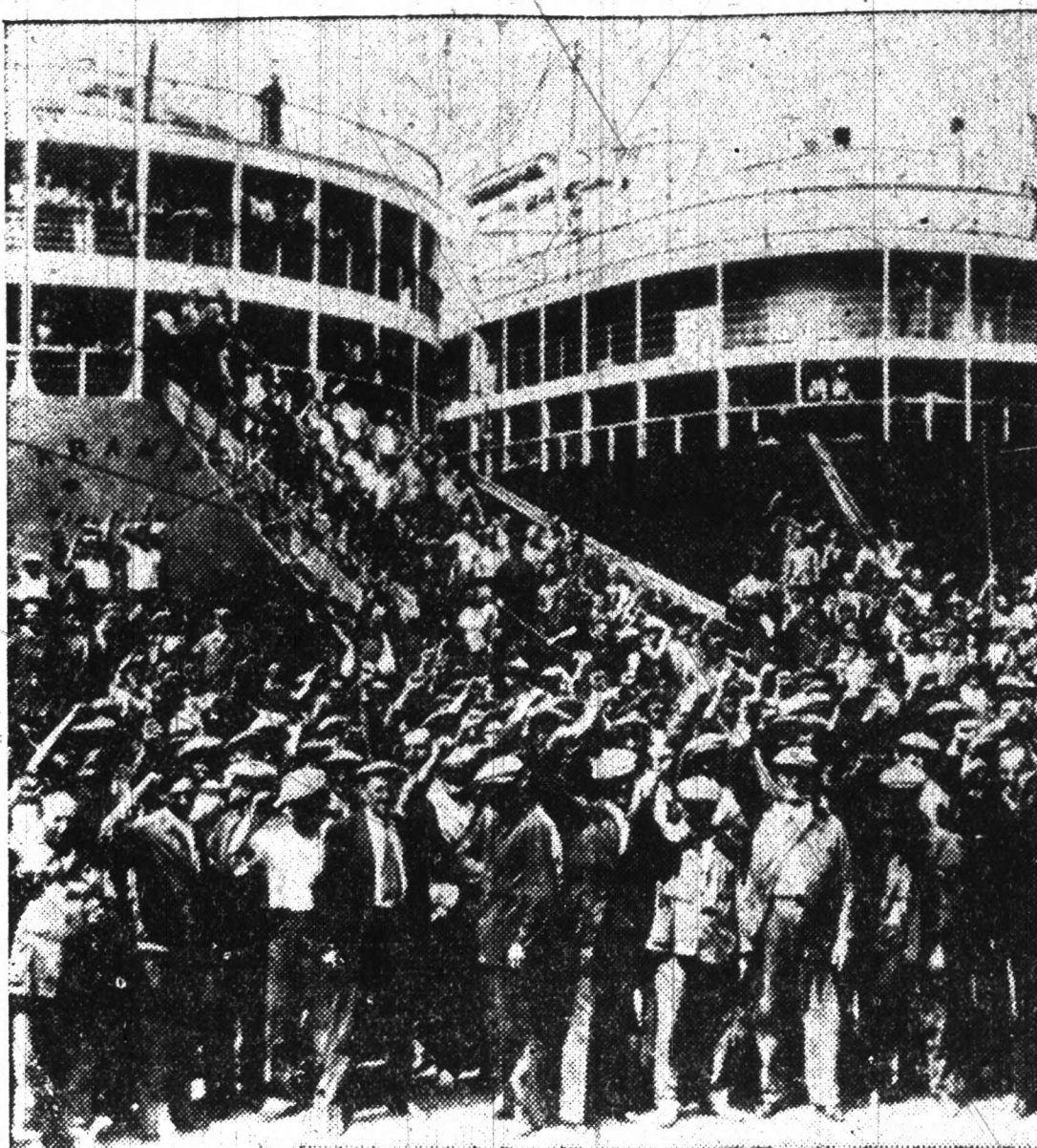


PHOTO SHOWS striking French seamen, on Seine River boats, in a mass demonstration on the Seine waterfront. They belong to the French Dock and Harbor Workers' Union, which pledged its support to the East Coast strikers.

## BALLAD OF THE BRITCHES

(From Maritime Worker. Issued by San Francisco Waterfront Section Communist Party)

Fierce as a tiger, his eyes wild and red,  
Old Holy Joe Ryan, the I.L.A.'s head,  
Rushed off to the train, to Baltimore sped,  
Accompanied by Cohen (the fink Chowderhead).

In a swank limousine, with chauffeur and all,  
Messrs. Ryan and Cohen now paid a call  
On the boys on the "Front" in order to stall  
What looked like a drive to make Ryan play ball.

"You can't call a strike—it's sinful and wrong!"  
Roared Strikebreaker Ryan at the waterfront throng.  
But Maryland stevedores, smelling a rat,  
Determined to show Joe just where he was at.

"Now, boys, let's be friends; remember at school  
We all had to learn the Great Golden Rule;  
I love you like brothers—that's straight from the heart."  
Sobbed Ryan reciting the lines of his part.

"These Stalinist hooligans just want to fool  
You and me into being a dupe and a tool  
In their fight to raise wages and threaten the dough  
Of nice Union bosses, whiter than snow.

"Twenty-five grand's all I make in a year,"  
Mumbled fat Mr. Ryan, as he shed a sad tear.  
"If you boys raise a fuss, you'll get me in Dutch,  
And then my poor wage won't be half of that much!"

Having finished his speech, Mr. Ryan sat back  
On the soft velvet seat of his new Cadillac  
Expecting to hear one unanimous cheer  
From the boys surrounding his car on the pier.

But the stevedores thought that old Joe should be  
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taught

He ought to be what he plainly was not,  
So from right and from left and from starboard and port  
They encircled Joe's car 'fore the engine could snort.

To turn the car over, the boys on one side  
Gave a heave and a push, while Joe Ryan cried  
For the cops to come runnin' and save him and Cohen  
From the watery grave where they thought they were goin'.

But luck came to Joe and his pal, Crowderhead,  
'Cause the boys on the dock were not properly led;  
While the ones on the left lunged and shoved the galoppi  
The boys on the right used their left just to copy

The very same sort of divided mass pressure  
And thus made the issue a question of whessure  
How high in the air Joe's car would be lifted  
Before the boys saw that their chances had been miffed.

Trapped in his car, Joe lost his wits  
And hissed at the boys, "You sons-o'-bits—  
Make way for a sailor, I'm about to descend!"  
And with those words we come close to the end.

As Joe opened the door and took a long chance  
In descending, bass backwards, the boys in a glance  
Saw their duty and done it and tore off Joe's pants.

Now Ryan was ready to bust right out cryin'  
When a big Irish cop came through the mob flyin',  
(Not laying a hand on the boys on the dock),  
He drew back his arm and delivered a sock

Right smack on the horrified face of our Joe,  
Who muttered with sorrow and infinite woe:  
"The cops have turned queer; the end must be near;  
My trousers are gone and so are their stitches,  
What can I do with such sons-o'-breaches?"

## REACTION OF PICKETS ON THE WATERFRONT TO VICIOUS S.U.P. BULLETIN WAS ONE OF DISGUST

**A Sailors Union Member Interviews Men on the San Francisco 'Front and Gets Answers Condemning Attack**

(By a Sailor's Union Member)

Entering the eighth week of the maritime strike found picket lines, hotel lobbies and the relief kitchen humming with a new issue. Stevedores were asking sailors if they were breaking away from the Federation. Sailors asked each other what it was all about. The papers had just announced a split in the union's ranks. But no one seemed to know. All were intent on finding out, and soon.

The Sailors' Publicity Committee, a one-man setup not speaking the sentiment of the rank and file, had just declared war on Harry Bridges and the Communist Party. According to the official bulletin, war was on. A now-down was called for.

### Reaction of Members

"Another move to split our ranks," was the immediate reaction of the rank and file. But this thing must be straightened out.

All seamen know that for the past two years shipowners' stool pigeons and those who played into the shipowners' hands have been telling tall stories as to how the waterfront unions were torn with strife, how the stevedores were turning on Bridges. Then believing this, the shippers have attempted their lockouts, hoping to crush the unions.

There have been ups and downs. Mostly downs for the shipowners.

This time, however, the shipowners evidently thought it would be different. Again the only thing they failed to take into consideration was the sentiment of the rank and file. Otherwise they had laid their plans well. That's why it pays to tune in on a rank and file station once in a while. What they have to say and feel about it all is what really goes along the waterfront.

### Old Timer Speaks

An old timer, a veteran of many a strike, was the first man I questioned who saw the move. He told me how the big lumber interests up in the Northwest broke the loggers' struggles up there. "They just sent away and got some real militant provocateurs to join our unions and start red-baiting. Soon we started wrangling among ourselves. Later somebody was found with dynamite, a bombing was reported. Then arrests were made. It wasn't long before half of us were in jail, others ran out of the country. About two years later we found out what it was all about. Opinions as to this sudden barrage of attacks varied widely, but they all knew it to be just another clever maneuver. No one was fooled long. All knew there was no issue as to Harry Bridges or the Communist Party.

"Harry Bridges is good enough for me. He was okay in '34 and he is just the same now. I wonder where a lot of these fellows who are attacking him have been keeping themselves? Nobody saw them around before this strike," another sailor charged.

As for the Communist Party, one man stepped in. "I'm not a Communist; don't know much about them. But if that gang who are always beefing about the reds are what you are referring to, then you can call me a Communist. I think we need a change, anyway."

One Joint Committee  
Still others thought the leaflet was phoney, didn't think any sailor wrote it. But in either case they demanded that the party responsible be dismissed. They felt that there should be one joint committee to handle publicity for all three I.S.U. groups. That would be more in line with the Federation's policy.

An East Coast sailor saw in it a move to force the Copeland Bill on us. "Considering certain clauses in our proposed agreement, it looks like an attempt to make us appear irresponsible in the eyes of the public," this man remarked.

"Probably one of Ryan's or Scharrenberg's moves. Sounds like the way they speak of Bridges and the Communists," was the comment of a stevedore who had just finished panning one of the sailors for not being more alert to such moves.

So, once again the shippers, their paid stool pigeons and provocateurs and those who played into their hands have failed to fool anybody. The maritime unions are waiting for the next move, wondering what it will be.

## PEDRO MEN GET PICTURE OF E. COAST

**Shout For Bridges At Wilmington Bowl Meet**

(By a Member of the Sailors' Union.)

SAN PEDRO—Unable to attend a special meeting of Maritime Workers in the Wilmington Bowl last Saturday, Harry Bridges was the main speaker at another meeting Sunday at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles.

Early Saturday evening trucks and automobiles loaded down with strikers left the transportation headquarters at 4th and Beacon Streets, and speeded to the Wilmington Bowl. By 7 p. m. the Bowl was nearly filled with seamen and longshoremen who were prepared to give Bridges "a big hand" and show him their solidarity.

### Innes Speaks

A special Modesto edition of the new Voice of the Federation was distributed to all hands, and the glaring headlines, "Standard Oil Spy Admits Frame-up," brought quick approval. A fellow near me said: "That's what I call a real paper! I'm glad they finally got rid of that facker Mayes." Several other men said the same thing.

Elmer Bruce took the "mike" and announced that while we were waiting for Bridges we would hear from Peter J. Innes, Jr. Innes got up on the platform, but before he began to speak a telephone call came in from Long Beach and Bruce announced that Bridges had been involved in an accident and would be detained for about an hour.

Innes gave a very clear picture of the situation on the East Coast while he was there recently. He said that Joseph P. Ryan was losing ground all the time, and may soon be boosted out completely.

In regard to a National Maritime Federation, Innes told the body that the Atlantic and Gulf did not expect a settlement on the West Coast strike to be interfered with by the East Coast. The East Coast seamen will build their own Federation, and then call upon the West Coast for support.

### S.U.P. Man Speaks

Egan, of the S.U.P., spoke on State Relief for all single strikers. The Workers' Alliance had previously sent speakers to the S.U.P. and M.F.O.W. to inform the men of their rights. Egan again notified everybody that they were entitled to state Relief, and a committee is to proceed to Los Angeles on Monday to contact the Workers' Alliance and L. A. Relief Office.

\$18.50 per month is the amount said to be provided each single seaman by law. The heavy inroads on strike funds could be reduced by this method of relief.

Bruce stated that we still had three-quarters of an hour to wait for Bridges, and seemed ready to call the meeting off. There were immediate cries of "We'll wait for Bridges!" "We can wait all night!" "We want Bridges!"

Ritchie, of the King-Ramsey Defense Committee, brought out that more funds were needed to free these men. Britt Webster called for a vote of thanks for the Union Patrol and asked that 100 more men be added to it. Lack of backing from the Unions was said to be responsible for a number of resignations from the patrolmen.

Jordan spoke on finances. To date \$45,000 has been extended here.

Steamship sailor (I.W.W.) spoke on solidarity, and urged

## FIREMEN BLAST SHIPOWNERS' NEWEST TRICK

SAN FRANCISCO—The Coastwise Negotiating Committee of the Marine Firemen's Union has cleared up the confusion the shipowners deliberately created about the status of negotiations. The union's statement follows: "Full page advertisements in local papers signed by the 'Coast' Committee for the Shipowners' attempt to create the impression in the minds of the public that the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers Association has arrived at a tentative agreement with the shipowners, and that Harry Bridges and the Joint Strike Committee have prevented us from accepting it.

"This is a deliberate falsehood. The Coastwise Negotiating Committee of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers Association has never accepted the proposals of the shipowners, nor has it deemed them satisfactory enough to present to its 7,000 members for a vote.

"The Negotiating Committee of the M.F.O.W. and W. Assn. has full confidence in the Joint Strike Committee and its leader, Harry Bridges. The Coastwise union committee will study the draft proposals, and after making certain amendments to certain objectionable features, will conduct a coastwide discussion in the Association on the matter.

"Finally, if all unions have a tentative agreement to propose to their memberships which seem just to the respective union negotiating committees, then, and then only, will the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers Assn. present its proposals to the membership for a coastwide referendum, simultaneously with the other unions."

## Demands of Mates Are Reasonable

SAN FRANCISCO.—George Charlott, president, and E. B. O'Grady, secretary of the Masters, Mates and Pilots of San Francisco answered Secretary of Labor's demand for settlement of the strike by explaining how reasonable the masters' and mates' demands are.

Their wire to Perkins follows: "We appreciate views by you on present maritime controversy. We desire the immediate ending of the strike on a fair basis. As the existence of our organization depends upon the outcome, we wish to make clear that we desire that every officer return to the position he occupied the day the strike started without prejudice or discrimination, that all officers be continued in their respective positions, and all advancements be by seniority in the respective companies.

### Reasonable Demands

"This will in no manner impair the efficient operation or change the present procedure nor increase the cost of operation. We desire that national organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots of America when filling vacancies provided they are fully qualified to occupy same. And as approximately 95 per cent of the licensed deck officers sailing from West coast ports are members, this is not unreasonable. We believe we are entitled to the same consideration in this respect as other maritime organizations."

the older men to teach the young men how to act, etc.

A recreation center for San Pedro was advocated by the Maritime Sports Director, who talked of the success of our teams in games with outsiders.

Sloan called upon the body to keep fighting the Copeland Bill. He stated that although some of the men were not in favor of the unions going into politics, he was of the opinion that if they had done so several years ago we might not be facing the Copeland Bill now. He suggested that we all get behind a Farmer-Labor Party.

Bruce received word that Bridges would be detained in the Long Beach jail, and asked that anybody who knew how to get him out come out and talk to Jordan. A prompt rush to the platform from all sections of the audience was the response. Bruce then dismissed the meeting.

### CANADIAN VETS ON RELIEF

WINNIPEG, Man., Can.—Fifty thousand unemployed veterans are on relief in Canada, according to reports here.

## HOLMAN SMELLS CLEAR DOWN TO SAN PEDRO

**They Don't Like Him There Either, Any More Than In S.F.**

SAN PEDRO—Scabby Lee Holman's reputation reaches clear down to this port. That could be seen from a recent few scallions tossed at Holman by the Maritime Strike News, San Pedro joint strike bulletin:

"Several Brothers from San Francisco have given us a vivid description of the attempt of Lee Holman to address the strikers the other day. It seems his technique was first to stick an American flag out of the window. This he followed with a large megaphone, into which he began to spew words to the gathering through outside. But alas, before he got far, eggs, cabbages and what have you began to fly. Shortly one of the eggs went straight into the megaphone and crashed against Ashcan Holman's teeth. This subversive and unkind act apparently convinced Holman that the strikers were beyond redemption and he desired for the time being. The whole affair gives us a brilliant idea.

"Why doesn't 'Ashcan' Holman set up one of those side-show booths where you chuck three or four balls at the funny-faced man for a nickel? If Holman would open up such a stand, and put one of his pals to selling eggs at the pitcher's plate, to be tossed at Holman's own map on the receiving end, we are sure he could clean up a tidy nest egg in no time at all. We won't charge 'Ashcan' a cent for the suggestion, but only ask we get three or four free eggs to throw. What about it, Holman?"

## Drop Plan to Deport 2 Strikers

NEW YORK.—Deportation proceedings against Juan Fabre Cruz, Cuban, and Richard Strauwalz, German, have been dropped, according to information received here by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

(Cruz and Strauwalz, both active in the Seamen's Strike in Philadelphia, were arrested and held in Gloucester City, New Jersey, charged with being in the country "illegally.")

Proceedings against the two seamen were dropped by immigration officials after the two had agreed to dismiss their attorney and leave the country voluntarily. They shipped out on a Greek vessel.

## Sailors Moved Fast To Crimp Attack On Strike Unity

SAN FRANCISCO.—Unity is a burning need for the maritime workers, and the Sailors Union members acted quickly when certain elements in the S.U.P. acted to disrupt that unity. They yanked out the publicity committee pronto when it viciously attacked Harry Bridges.

Here is the resolution they passed on this question: "Whereas: Due to the fact that our official strike bulletin is being used, not to serve its intended purpose, but for purpose of slander, etc., and

Whereas: Present publicity committee is an appointed and not an elected body, and has been utilizing the power of our bulletin, in attempted gain of personal end and revenge, and is causing bad feeling and disrupting unity along the waterfront and in the minds of organized labor and the public, therefore be it

Resolved: That we the membership, now assembled at this special strike meeting, this 24th day of December, demand the recall of Brother Austin Hansen from the Strike Committee and its sub-committee, the publicity committee; be it further Resolved: That the power of the strike committee, in the appointing of a publicity committee, be taken from them; and be it finally

Resolved: That a new publicity committee, consisting of three full members, and excepting officials and strike committee members, be elected from the floor at this meeting, and said publicity committee confine itself, to the release of strike news only, unless authorized by the membership to release official statements.



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## All Progressives Must Help

WHEN THE National Delegation of the Workers' Alliance presents to Congress on January 15th the demands of the W.P.A. workers throughout the country, it is of the utmost importance that Congress is aware that behind these demands stand hundreds of thousands of W.P.A. workers and others.

The delegation will ask for continuation and expansion of W.P.A., for a 20 per cent increase in monthly wages, for a \$1,250,000,000 deficiency appropriation.

Much more depends upon the outcome of this visit to Washington than the welfare of the W.P.A. and unemployed alone—although even if this were all it would still demand the utmost support of all trade unionists and other progressive elements. Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, in discussing the importance of this action, recently declared:

"If the reactionaries succeed in putting over a general cut in relief, that is going to jeopardize every progressive measure before Congress. It will put reaction on the offensive in Congress in every issue. We have to mobilize for this from that point of view. This action on W.P.A. is an action for the whole progressive legislative program, and demands support from every progressive in America, from all the trade unions."

Which way will the President lean? What has he done in the past? We quote Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen, the usually well-informed "Washington Merry-Go-Rounders":

"Torn between these hotly-argued viewpoints (those of the forces of reaction and of progressives-L.R.), the President has pursued a middle-of-the-road course, leaning first toward one side and then toward the other."

And later on, in discussing responsibility for the recent cut in relief rolls, these observers declare: "So far there is every indication that the President has been on the side of the conservatives in cutting relief funds."

President Roosevelt can lean to the progressive side of this tug-of-war but must be helped to lean that way. There is no better way of extending that aid than by nationwide demonstrations of support of the Workers' Alliance Delegation. California is too far from the national capital to send a contingent to Washington on January 15th—but Californians can register their support on January 8th when, under auspices of the Workers' Alliance, a series of mass meetings will be held to endorse the demands of the Workers' Alliance.

These demonstrations should be supported not only by W.P.A. workers and those on direct relief, but by trade unionists and other progressives as well. The movement for progressive legislation will be effected by the outcome.

## Hitler Plays Innocent

AS EUROPE grows alarmed over Germany's increased sending of trained soldiers to aid the Fascist Franco and more open threats of precipitating war in Europe, Hitler strikes a pose and plays the Injured Innocent.

The German foreign office ridicules the notion that Germany has any special interest in the Spanish invasion. Its policy, these officials blandly declare "from the beginning has been marked by the absence of imperialistic or any other egoistic plan."

Why, then, the visitor from Mars might ask, did Germany help finance the Fascist revolt before it began, why has she sent arms and munitions to aid Franco, why is she openly enlisting German soldiers to fight against the recognized government of Spain? Hitler has his answer ready.

"Germany's interest in Spain is and was merely directed toward seeing that Spain's independence and possessions remain preserved."

Is it for the purpose of guaranteeing Spain's independence that Hitler sends his gunboats prowling about the Bay of Biscay, to act as scouts for Franco's warships and for German submarines lurking underneath on the lookout for merchant ships carrying clothing, medical supplies, and munitions, purchased by the Spanish government?

Or does Hitler hope by uttering such nonsense to delay action of France and England—which declared shipment of German

troops to Franco must stop—and at the same time send over heavy reinforcements?

Joint and effective action must be taken at once by France and England to force the recall of German soldiers at present in Spain, to stop further shipment of troops, or arms and ammunition to the Fascists, to sweep Fascist piracy off the seas!

Any other action would be surrender to the forces of Fascism, which would next seize upon the democracies of France and England, as it has fastened its claws onto Spain!

## Build the Junior Union

WORKING class history was made in California on Christmas day when approximately 2,700 working class children and their parents were present at a Christmas party given in the Civic Auditorium under the auspices of the Maritime Union Recreation Center and the Junior Union.

That the party was successful—with good entertainment and plenty of gifts to children whose parents were in no position to play Santa Claus this year—is important. But much more important is the wide interest displayed in the junior union movement by children of union members, and the significance of this interest.

Very often the children of working class parents are fed anti-labor propaganda in our public schools, sometime openly and at other times subtly. There is no organization better fitted at this time, to counteract this propaganda than the junior union movement.

It is high time that trade unionists realized this, and began to take steps in their own locals for the organization of the members' children into the junior union.

## Simpson Returns

LAWRENCE SIMPSON, American seaman arrested on an American ship and imprisoned one year in Nazi dungeons because he had anti-Fascist literature in his possession, has not had his working-class spirit crushed by Hitler's jailers. Placed on an American ship to work his way home, following his release, he refused to turn to, but conducted a one-man sit-down strike on board, in solidarity with his fellow-unionists who are on strike.

It is small wonder that the Nazis saw in Simpson a dangerous enemy—they gauged properly his working class sentiments, his hatred of Fascist oppression.

And Simpson wasn't released because Hitler's jailers had a sudden attack of "peace-on-earth-good-will-to-men" spirit as Christmas approached. They would have liked nothing better than to have him rot in jail, or send out word that he was "shot, trying to escape."

Simpson's release was effected by the world-wide protest campaign against his imprisonment. Tens of thousands of post cards and resolutions flooded Berlin and the German embassy at Washington.

We are sure his fellow members of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific will welcome home this heroic west coast seaman, once again to take his place in the ranks of his fighting union.

## No Eulogy Here

ARTHUR BRISBANE, Hearst's chief editorial writer, is dead. And every capitalist paper writes thousands of words mourning the loss of what they term a "great journalist."

We cannot join with these mourners in reciting a eulogy to Mr. Brisbane. Mr. Brisbane's talent—and if the introduction of sensationalism into editorial writing can be called a talent, he had it—was always at the beck and call of the most reactionary forces at home and abroad.

If all the slurs and slams at organized labor, at the Soviet Union, at everything progressive, that ever flowed from the pen of Arthur Brisbane were laid end to end, they would make winding sheets for every capitalist propagandist in the world—with enough left over to make a good-sized flag flying at half-mast for that dying capitalist system which Brisbane zealously defended.

The creator of the Nightmare Editorial is dead, but there are plenty of other pen prostitutes ready to do Master Willie's bidding, for a price.

## 100,000 Garments for Spanish People!



IN 30 SHOPS, with more to be set up, New York trade unionists are preparing the sheepskin coats for the Spanish workers' militia, fighting the Fascists to a standstill. Fur-lined helmets for Spanish loyalist aviators and warm clothing for Spanish women and children in Madrid are also to be provided (100,000 garments in all). Donations to aid should be sent to the Committee for the Manufacture of Clothing for Spain, with headquarters at International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Local 10, 63 West 35th Street, New York, N. Y.

## It's Time We Work Among The Youth, and Help YCL

(By Frank Spector, S.F. County Organizer, Communist Party)

"The problem of the youth is not only a Y.C.L. problem. It is a problem for the entire Communist Movement." (Dimitroff at 7th World Congress of Communist International.)

We San Francisco Communists have taken 18 months (since Comrade Dimitroff spoke) to begin to recognize and discuss the problems of the youth. While our Party in San Francisco has steadily gained in prestige and members, we paid no attention to the fact that the Young Communist League has remained practically at a standstill, unable to keep pace with the Party's growth.

Yet, ominous changes took place in the lives of the San Francisco youth whose problems are inseparably bound up with the problems of the whole of the young generation of America. The San Francisco youth no longer gropes in its way to solve the problems.

It moves with the rest of the American youth along the path of unity of its forces, recognizing more and more that only by joining together their scattered numbers can they force the recognition of their rights to a useful and creative life that will mold them into a manhood and womanhood, healthy of body and sound of mind.

Develop the Party's Independent Work Among the Youth—Help the Y.C.L. Grow

We can no longer look upon the Y.C.L. as a "Junior Communist Party." The Y.C.L. is an independent organization of the most advanced section of the laboring and student youth.

Its job is to educate the youth for socialism, while fighting for its immediate needs. Once we understand this, we will begin to treat the Y.C.L. as we do other independent working class organizations. We will try our very best to make our Party's influence felt in the Y.C.L. without making it a second edition of the Party, but on the contrary aiding it to become as broad as possible.

Communists are the best builders of trade unions and other workers' organizations. Communists must likewise be the best builders of the Y.C.L. But our work among the youth cannot be limited to our work within the Y.C.L. Our best aid to the Y.C.L. will be our work among the other youth groups of which there are hundreds in our city and dozens in our neighborhoods ranging from YMCA and YWCA on down to neighborhood social and sport "room in the basement" clubs.

Can't Ignore Youth Problems Our San Francisco Party membership is largely drawn from among trade unions and other workingclass and progressive organizations and is thus admirably situated for bringing the problems of the young generation to the attention of these organizations.

It is the Communist's duty to make clear to adult workers that in trying to solve their political and economic cares they can ill afford to ignore the special problems that confront the youth. The help of the adult workers extended to the youth will do both: it will strengthen the adults' fight against growing reaction and fascism and bosses' attacks upon their living standards and will prevent these

same forces from using the youth against the adults, as practiced by Nazism and fascism in Europe.

To work among the youth, we must know its problems. How many of us read Y.C.L. literature, or any other, dealing with youth? How often do we discuss the problems of youth in our committees, in our units? We all know the answer.

In undertaking work among the youth, we will take full advantage of the Youth Week—January 3-10, designated by our State Committee. The week preceding, all units will have uniformly conducted a discussion based upon material prepared by the County Educational Department. Including in this material is a series of proposals by the County Committee aimed towards initiating and promoting consistent work among the youth and aid to the Y.C.L. As a follow-up each unit will henceforth include in its literature sales the Champion of Youth, the Young Communist Review, as well as pamphlets dealing with the youth.

A County Youth Committee has already been set up by the Party. It will be responsible for initiating and coordinating the Party's youth work. It will work closely with the San Francisco Y.C.L. As a beginning Youth Directors of the Waterfront, Industrial, Professional and Film

more Sections will compose the County Youth Committee headed by a comrade specially assigned. The members of this Committee were not selected because they can be "spared," but because of their fitness for this work. In turn they will form Youth Committees in their respective sections. Representatives from the corresponding Y.C.L. groups will be invited to these committees.

Of the quota of 50 youth we resolved to enroll into the Y.C.L. during our Browder-Ford Membership Drive, we have so far recruited 22. Time is short. We have only 3 weeks left till Lenin Day—the end of our drive. The Youth Week, January 3-10, should be fully used to obtain the remainder of our quota—28 new members for the Y.C.L.

We cannot stop with completing this quota. Enrolling of youth into the Y.C.L. must become a barometer by which we will judge how serious we are in undertaking our work among the youth. It is our first-rate responsibility to eliminate the abnormal disproportion between the growth of the Party and that of the Y.C.L. We are going to hold our County Convention in February. There is no better gift we can bring to our convention than a report on real accomplishments in helping to build the Y.C.L. in influence and strength.

## S.F. GETS ITS SECOND WIND IN COMMUNIST RECRUITING

(By Organization Dept., Communist Party, California)

San Francisco comrades have gotten their "second wind" now and are driving toward their goal with steady and powerful steps. Any day now you may receive a "flash" announcing their fine achievement of doubling their Party membership. And from the rumors that we pick up here and there, we see that they are no longer talking of 500, but have their aim set for 600 new members by Jan. 21.

Well, it seems that Contra Costa and Merced have finally come to life. Our Contra Costa comrades chalked up four and the valley town two more recruits during the past week. And we certainly don't want to forget Monterey's six. January dues payments and our 1937 registration will tell clearly how well our new recruits have been assimilated. So let us watch our steps, and make certain that every new party member's step, tending either a new member's or a regular unit, has and received a new 1937 Party Book.

Only three weeks of our Browder-Ford Membership Drive. If you haven't a single recruit to your credit, there is no time to lose now. The weeks go by quickly, so we ask again: "Bring into the Party at least ONE new recruit by Lenin Memorial Day."

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Monterey 32  
Santa Clara 32  
Merced 16  
Sonoma 13  
San Mateo 5  
Santa Barbara 10

San Diego 25  
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Eureka 4  
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Contra Costa 15  
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Nevada 0  
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## Skidoo for Foes of Strike in Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va.—Striking seamen ousted corrupt I.S.U. officials from their union hall and took control of the premises today.

As the seamen marched in a body to the building, Fred Sorenson, reactionary I.S.U. agent, turned in a police riot call. Police on arriving, however, found everything peaceful, with the seamen in possession of their union property. Sorenson later announced that he was "going away on a long vacation."

## U.C.L.A. Committee Fights Scab-Herding

SAN PEDRO.—The San Pedro joint strike committee has received communications from groups of University of California at Los Angeles students notifying strikers that an active "anti-strike-breaker" campaign is being carried on on the campus. In past industrial disputes students have frequently been recruited to scab on strikers.

## AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,  
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

## Labor Faces 1937

THE NEW YEAR which we are entering brings the promise of new and significant advances for the labor movement, and for the movement to build an American People's Front against Fascism and war. Big struggles are looming on the outcome of which will depend the answer to the question: Fascism or Democracy?

Strike struggles, of which the present maritime strike is the forerunner, are coming in the mass production industries, steel, auto, coal mining, etc. Sitdown strikes in the "feeder" plants of the auto industry have thus far been successful, and stimulated an organization drive, but the big auto magnates will not surrender without a struggle any more than the Steel Trust will give up without a bitter fight. The organization drives by the C.I.O. are increasing their tempo; in the steel industry, mass recruiting is beginning to gather speed. In the coal fields, the coal operators are challenging the United Mine Workers, the demand for an increase in hours without a corresponding increase in pay. By spring, all these issues will come to a head and may converge in another big strike wave such as in 1934, but on a higher level and having much greater political significance.

Despite the boasted increase in business to new high levels, capitalism cannot find jobs for an estimated 10 to 12 million. Already attempts to "balance the budget" by cutting down on relief and W.P.A. expenditures has aroused the unemployed to action. Once more, mass struggles of the unemployed are under way against this threat, and more can be expected.

The opening of Congress and State Legislatures brings to the fore the most burning demands of the masses, in the fight for social and labor legislation. The labor and progressive forces are preparing for big battles on some of these issues: social security, civil liberties, rights of labor, etc. The extent to which the labor movement will abandon the old "lobbying" methods, and resort to independent political action, backed by mass struggles, will determine in large measure what labor can expect from legislative bodies. The fight for progressive legislation can become a means to stimulate the growth of the Farmer-Labor Party movement on a local and state scale, laying the basis for the eventual establishment of a national Farmer-Labor Party.

The question: "War or Peace?" may also be answered in 1937. Fascism is showing its teeth everywhere; Spain emphasizes how unscrupulous, how brutal, and how completely degenerate the Fascist war-lords are. The threat of Fascism against the Soviet Union and against democracy throughout the world has aroused the alarm of millions and has even reached into high official circles, as witness the speeches of Roosevelt and Hull in Buenos Aires. The urgent need for building a mass people's movement for peace, against the Fascist war threat, is on the agenda for 1937.

Finally, the New Year marks a new milestone in the successful building of Socialism in the Soviet Union, and in enjoying the fruits of 19 years of heroic struggle, as exemplified by the new Soviet Constitution, a world-historic document hailed by the forces of democracy and peace in every land. It gives courage and inspiration to all in the capitalist world, who are also fighting for freedom, happiness, and prosperity. It bids us to speed the building of a People's Front, the fight for which will bring us nearer to the goal of Socialism. The fight for a free, happy, and prosperous America will make great strides forward in 1937.

## Sacramento Labor Gets Behind Strike

SACRAMENTO.—The Sacramento Central Labor Council pledged full support to the Maritime Union at its last regular meeting here.

Two speakers from the Maritime Federation made a dramatic appeal for moral and financial support and stressed the need for solidarity of all organized labor in the present crisis.

After they had finished, President Ennis vacated the chair and urged all delegates to give all possible support to the Maritime Union and pointed out that the entire labor movement depended upon the success of this strike.

As a result of this meeting, Local 38-118 of the I.L.A. Warehousemen voted \$200 to the relief fund.

## Survey of Two Cities Will Investigate Problems of Youth

NEW YORK.—Investigators from the Rockefeller foundation are undertaking a survey of two representative American cities to determine the nature of the youth problem, members of the foundation have revealed.

The two "typical" cities selected are Dallas, Tex., and Muncie, Ind. The principal problem under examination is that of youth and unemployment.

Also to be investigated, says Jack Robertson, survey commissioner at Dallas, are "inability to obtain an education, lack of home environment and of associations in social life. How these will be overcome will be determined as soon as the survey is completed."

## Baltimore Tug Men Join Big Parade

BALTIMORE, Md.—Union tugboat men, organized in the International Longshoremen's Association, voted officially to join the united maritime strike.

Tugboatmen hold a key position. It's hard to berth ships without them. Three harbor collisions occurred here when they quit work in a short successful strike last October for their own demands.

In voting to strike, the tugboatmen rejected orders of the longshore district council, dominated by Ryan men. The Council this morning ordered Longshoremen back to work and organizer Kelly, a Ryan appointee, said the local charter would be lifted if the strike continued.

## San Pedro Condemns Scurrilous Attacks On Harry Bridges

SAN PEDRO.—"Maritime Strike News," the joint strike bulletin, reflected rank and file opinion here when it stated this about slanderous attacks on Harry Bridges:

We regret the appearance of savagely scurrilous bulletins from San Francisco. Careful reading of one of them indicates that the investigation of B. Mayes, editor of the Voice, and his suspension as editor, has resulted in a blast of a most vicious sort being released by his friends and supporters. This is a poor time to get into such disputes. It would seem that any Brother in a responsible post should be prepared at any time to undergo investigation by the membership, and to retaliate by issuing slanderous material does little to clarify the points at issue.

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# A SPECIAL NEWS PAGE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE

## UNITY IS AIM OF COMMITTEE OF O.F.A. YOUTH

### Plan Campaign for Youth Measures In Election

LOS ANGELES—Political unification of all liberal, labor and pro-labor youth organizations in Los Angeles is the objective of a Promotional Committee for a Youth Federation for United Political Action, which on Dec. 18 held a widely representative conference to discuss the coming city election.

The promotional committee is made up of youth leaders interested in formulating a common program and unity of action whereby young people, through their organizations, can exert influence for their own ends.

At the Dec. 18th meeting, the main speaker was John Anson Ford, member of the county board of supervisors, who advised maintaining a close check not only on candidates, but on elected officials, giving support on the basis of performance.

#### Examine Records

Such a check-up is indeed expected to be carried out on as wide a scale as can be organized. James Burford, speaking for the promotional committee, announced a conference to be called late in January, to open a campaign for a progressive slate and for legislation designed to aid youth.

Speakers who play leading roles in their respective organizations indicated that such a slate should be picked on the basis of record, and that at the same time an aggressive campaign of direct political activity should be carried out.

Art Cassidy, Christian Youth leader, recalled the Lakeside conference of Christian Youth Building a New World, where young church people took the stand that direct political action is a major weapon to attain their aims.

#### I.L.A. Member Talks

Elmer Mevert, young member of the I.L.A. Local 38-82, cited the influence exerted by his organization by its demands on legislatures, public officials and public bodies.

Other speakers were Miss Eunice Schmidt, on the viewpoints of youth political organizations; Leonard Jones, member of the Office Workers' Union; and Miss Elizabeth Hampton, speaking on the viewpoint of Negro Youth.

Sponsors of the promotional committee include Leonard Jones, Miss Frances Lee Hancock, president of the Christian Youth Council John Anson Ford, C. C. Showan, president of the district council of the Painters' Union; Roy M. Donnelly, president of I.L.A. Local 38-82; Oliver Thornton, editor of the United Progressive News, and Dr. Floyd J. Seaman, pastor of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Young Communist League has announced that it will actively support the movement for unity, making every effort to see that the interest of young people is defended and aggressively sought.

### Y.C.L. Publishes New Pamphlets

"Life With a Purpose" is the title of a pamphlet just released by the National Committee of the Young Communist League for distribution throughout the country.

The pamphlet advances some answers to the questions which confront young people today at every turning: "Where do we go from here?" and "What Am I Going to Be?" Sells for 2c at Workers' Bookstores.

Subscribe to the Western Worker.

## TWO LABOR COUNCILS NAME DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE

SACRAMENTO—A representative from the Promotional Committee for the California Youth Act spoke before the Sacramento Central Labor Council and asked them to elect delegates to the Youth Conference in San Francisco on Jan. 9 and 10.

Secretary J. L. R. Marsh was elected to represent the Council.

SAN MATEO—The San Mateo central labor council at its last regular meeting elected two delegates to the Congress of Youth which will meet Jan. 9

## Young Strikers Hold Ranks Solid



ORGANIZED UNDER the United Textile Workers' Union, these youthful strikers at the Bemis Bag Company in San Francisco have been carrying on a militant fight for seven weeks. Their ranks are solid, the plant closed. Their well organized protests stopped a move to destroy their picket shacks, one of which is in this picture.

## Foremost Task is to Build American Students' Union, Joseph Lash Tells Annual Convention in Chicago

(Special to the Western Worker)

CHICAGO—In his annual report to the convention of the American Students' Union, Joseph Lash, national secretary, declared that the foremost task of students today is to build their union.

## Carlson Applauds Youth Page in Western Worker

Dear Comrades:

I take great pleasure in greeting the appearance of a youth page in the Western Worker.

With the growth of the youth movement in California the need for a medium of expression for progressive young people has become ever more urgent.

There can be no doubt but that such a youth page, aside from reflecting the developments in the progressive youth movements on the West Coast, will



be of invaluable aid in giving it direction and content and in mobilizing it to support the labor movement in its struggles. Youth is on the move, and every assistance to it will result in strengthening the forces of progress and Socialism.

I believe I express the sentiments of the progressive youth of California when I extend to you my hearty appreciation for this step taken by the Western Worker.

I have no doubt that the Young Communist League members of California will do their utmost to help bring the Western Worker before the young people, of the state.

Comradely yours,  
Frank Carlson,  
State Sec'y, YCL

Lash declared that this should be done not solely on a peace program of political action, but in the struggle on all the economic and social problems that confront the student.

The opening day of the convention was also marked by a tremendous ovation given to Tsei, representative of the Chinese student movement, when she appealed for unity with the Chinese students. A resolution pledging support and solidarity was adopted.

#### California Delegates

Among delegates were two A.S.U. organizers from California, Edwin Alexander, of Berkeley and Vivian Levin of Los Angeles, and delegates from the branches at the University of California, Stanford University and several California high schools.

Greetings were read from Gray of the National Negro Congress, Margaret Syer of the Emergency Peace Campaign, Mary Fox of the League for Industrial Democracy, and Paul Rasmussen of the Workers' Alliance.

Outstanding issues to be discussed by the congress are expected to be the question of organization, the peace program and the question of independent political action.

## Maritime Juniors Out for Closed Shop on 'Front'

Spurred by the success of the Christmas party held for 3000 strikers' children Dec. 25 at the San Francisco civic auditorium, officials of the newly formed maritime Junior Union have turned to the more routine business of carrying on regular trade union activity.

Led by president Joe Rodriguez and sponsored by the Union Recreation Center, the boys have started a Bootblack and Newsboys' Union and have set out to put the waterfront district on a thoroughly union basis.

Members have their own pins and insignia and number more than 75. Their first task has been to set a standard price level of 10 cents for shoe-shines. They plan to take up the newspaper problem after they have settled the bootblack crisis.

#### Fun on the Side

Activities of the Junior Union are not confined to the "industrial" field, however. The union is organizing social affairs and oldsters are already discussing the demand for a permanent committee to handle the educational recreational program of the Juniors of District No. 2.

The Union Recreation Center at 22 Clay St. is turned over to the Newsboys and Bootblacks every Sunday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. for sports and games, and members of the union are granted the use of the bathing facilities at all times.

#### ANTI-FASCIST IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY—Otto Richter, anti-Fascist who was ordered deported to Germany, is now in Mexico, where he was allowed to go by Dept. of Labor authorities.

## C. P. TO HOLD 'YOUTH WEEK' JAN. 3 TO 10

### Educational Period, Organizational Aid Planned

January 3rd to 10th has been set aside by the State Committee of the Communist Party as Youth Week. Every section and county of the Communist Party throughout the state has already rallied to the call for this Youth Week by arranging for special activities to win the young people for the progressive movement.

During this week the Communist Party is to devote its educational period to a discussion on the needs and problems of the young people and on how to rally them for activity. Special attention will be paid to the problem of helping the Young Communist League in its work and how the Party can aid in building the League. Every unit and branch of the Party will take part in the week's activities. Besides using the time for educational purposes, the Communist Party has pledged to recruit many young people into the Young Communist League and to use its literature during the week.

The task is especially important for those communities where there is no Young Communist League. In these places, the establishment of a Youth Week has brought the problems of the youth movement to the forefront and it is expected that many new youth groups will be formed.

## Maritime Sports League May Be Organized

SAN FRANCISCO.—Union basketball teams engaged in an informal workout during the last few weeks as they prepared for the formation of a regular maritime league to center at Union Recreation Center 22 Clay St.

The new league, to be formed under the supervision of G. O. (Gus) Brown, recreational director, will take in eight or ten teams from the various maritime unions and may later be developed to include teams from other San Francisco unions.

"We plan to form the nucleus for a citywide union sports program," Brown declared yesterday, "embracing all union teams which wish to enter into competition."

One conference for the formation of such a league has been held already and another will be called during January, he announced.

SAN PEDRO.—Jack Eggen, chairman of the San Pedro strike entertainment committee hurred a challenge at the Union Recreation Center last week for a baseball game between the Pedro nine and the U.R.C. class A team.

## SPANISH YOUTH DELEGATION TO TALK IN CALIF.

### Immediate Needs to Be Tabulated by Delegates

(See Picture Below)

Four young representatives of the Spanish Youth Front will arrive in Los Angeles February 10th and in San Francisco on the 15th, according to tentative schedule announced by the United Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

The representatives are Josepina Ramirez, Eugenio Imaz, Luis Simarro, and Maria Simarro.

Straight from the battle field where Spanish Youth are fighting for the democracy of the world, these four leaders will speak for all sections of the Spanish People's Front.

Josepina Ramirez, of the Youth Division of the Republican Union, is a director of a military hospital. Eugenio Imaz is a student of the Catholic University of Louvain and was one of the leaders at the Geneva World Youth Congress held last August. He is also editor of the Catholic paper: "Cruz y Rayo"; his editorial policy has done much to win Catholic liberal opinion to the support of the government.

#### Wounded in Battle

Luis Simarro, 21, military commander of the United Socialist League, comes to America with serious wounds received in battle. He is accompanied by his wife Maria, a nurse.

None of these four are past 23 years of age, and are only examples of the leadership youth is assuming in Spain. Another is the Commissioner of Public Order in Madrid, Santiago Carrillo, who is barely 22.

In San Francisco the meeting to be addressed by the delegates is at Dreamland auditorium. The sponsoring committee has arranged the schedule so that more towns will be visited by the youth delegates than by the adult representatives from Spain, whose recent tour brought huge crowds to meetings they addressed.

A highlight of the tour of the Spanish Youth, if present plans go through, will be an open-air meeting at Sather Gate, University of California.

#### Organize Aid Here

The spokesman of the Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, 320 Market St., San Francisco, announced that efforts are being made to build the committee locally, to bring in as many youth as possible from all types of organizations, to push the campaign of aid to Spain.

The tentative and partial schedule for the Spanish Youth delegates as announced by the committee, is as follows:

February 10th: Los Angeles.  
February 15th: Arrive San Francisco; afternoon, San Mateo Junior College; night, radio program.

February 16th: Afternoon, Stanford University; night, San Jose.

February 17th: Noon, Sather Gate, University of California; night, San Francisco, Dreamland Auditorium.

February 18th: Redwood or Sunnyvale.  
February 19th: Oakland.  
February 20th: San Leandro.  
February 21st: Sacramento.

## Four Touring Spanish Youth Leaders to Speak Here



TOURING the U. S. and Canada to plead their country's cause with young and old alike are (left to right): Luis Simarro, wounded militiaman, and his wife, Maria; 19-year-old Josefina Ramirez, who narrowly escaped death when her home was bombed by Fascists; and Eugenio Imaz, from the editorial staff of the Catholic review, Cruz y Raya. Their itinerary is being planned by the United Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, 20 Vesey St., New York City. They will be in California in February.

## Youth Assemblies in Los Angeles & San Francisco Will Draft Youth Act



MRS. CLAUDIA WILLIAMS  
Chairman of the Northern California Promotional Committee. She will open the Youth Assembly, Jan. 9 and 10, called to draft a California Youth Act.

### Immediate Needs to Be Tabulated by Delegates

Nearly 500 delegates from youth organizations are expected to gather Jan. 9 and 10 at San Francisco and Los Angeles to draw up an emergency act to provide relief and educational opportunity for California's needy young people.

Designed as a stop-gap to take care of the immediate pressing needs of great numbers of young people in California, the bill will be drafted entirely within the scope of the state legislature.

Less extensive than the American Youth Act for which a national campaign is being waged, it is planned to be far more inclusive than the administration's inadequate National Youth Act. It would be superseded by the passage of the American Youth Act.

The sessions in Los Angeles will be held at First Unitarian Church, 2936 West Eighth St. The San Francisco meeting place has not been arranged, but will be announced from the office of the promotional committee, 268 Market St., Room 119.

A symposium and a dance will bring a lighter touch to the San Francisco Congress to which between 250 and 300 young people are expected to come, according to Mrs. Claudia Williams, prominent Y.W.C.A. member and chairman of the Northern California promotional committee for the Youth Act.

All youth organizations, religious, political and social, and labor groups, have been sent copies of the call and members of the promotional committee report that it has received a heartening response.

At the Jan. 9th session delegates will discuss a draft drawn up by the Y.W.C.A. last summer, and hear various groups present their specific problems. Farm laborers, college students, migratory workers, high school graduates will address the gathering.

On Sunday morning, Jan. 10th, a non-sectarian religious service is planned, followed by speeches by attorneys on legal aspects of the youth act. The afternoon session will be devoted to round table discussions. The closing session will pass on the final draft of the Youth Act.

It is planned that the findings of the simultaneous conferences in Los Angeles and San Francisco will be presented to the state legislature and that participation in the pilgrimage to Washington will be arranged in order to support the American Youth Act when it comes before Congress.

"The California Youth Act," said Mrs. Williams, "will be designed to amplify and define provisions of the National Youth Act which is to come before Congress at its next session."

"We plan to get as many points of view as possible, and discuss just what provisions should be included in the act."

The breadth of the Assembly of Youth is illustrated by the list of sponsors and advisers, which include: Dr. Dewey Anderson, state assemblyman; J. J. Anderson, secretary of the Central Labor Council of Santa Clara County; James C. Baker, Bishop, San Francisco Area, Methodist Episcopal Church; Harry Bridges, president, the Pacific Coast district of the International Longshoremen's Association; Professor H. C. Brown, Department of Philosophy, Stanford University.

Mary C. Cady, Executive Secretary, Y.W.C.A., San Francisco; Leonard Charvet, president of the Associated Students, University of California; Rudolph I. Coffee, Ph.D., president of the Jewish committee for service; Augustus F. Hawkins, assemblyman, 62nd district; Mrs. William Palmer Lucas, lecturer and writer; Right Rev. Edward L. Parsons, D.D.; Episcopal bishop of California; Teresa Pittman, president, California State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs; Jim Reynolds, President Associated Students, Stanford University; Holland D. Roberts, state president, American Federation of Teachers; John H. Tolman, U. S. Congressman, 7th District; George West, editorial writer, San Francisco News.

Initiated by the American Youth Congress, the Assembly of Youth has enlisted the support of groups of every description.

## Would You Like a Regular Page For Youth in 'Western'?

In anticipation of Youth Week, to be celebrated by the Communist Party in California January 3 to 10, the Western Worker is publishing this page of youth news, edited by a committee of Y.C.L. members.

The wide basis already built up by the two forthcoming California Youth Assemblies in San Francisco and Los Angeles indicates that young people are ready to organize and campaign actively for their gravest needs. Publication of this page is also a challenge.

Are the young people, particularly the members of the Young Communist League, interested in having their own medium of publicity? Are they willing to write for it, distribute it, support it?

If so, the youth page can be continued as a regular feature of the Western Worker.

What is the answer, Y.C.L. members?

#### DEPORT U. S. NATIVE

NEW YORK—Though he is American born, Caesar Gonzales has been ordered deported to Cuba because of workingclass activities.



## CHILE PEOPLE'S FRONT VICTORY IS PREDICTED

### All Signs Pointing to Victory in March Elections

SANTIAGO, Chile.—Inspired by the Spanish People's Front, the Chilean people are proceeding so rapidly with unification, trade union and political, that a People's Front victory is forecast in the coming elections next March.

On December 26th, the Com-mando Unido, formed last January to unify trade unions behind the railroad strike, opened a congress of all trade unions, out of which will emerge one unified trade union center.

Unification politically around a 33-point People's Front program began in 1935, when a preliminary bloc was formed of workers' parties, peasants' parties, and middle-class anti-imperialist parties. Together they held 60 deputies out of 143 in the Chamber of Deputies.

#### People's Front Power

Today, Chile has one of the most powerful People's Front movements in the world, certain to win the elections, if the Alessandri-Ross government does not carry out its threat of nullifying the voting, as in Peru, or ape Franco and begin civil war before the elections.

President Alessandri and Finance Minister Ross have been conspiring with pro-Nazi sympathizers, who are numerous in the large German colony.

The People's Front now includes the Communist Party, with the most important influence among the workers; Socialist Party, headed by energetic Marmaluke Grove; Radical Socialist-Independent Party representing the middle peasants and middle-class in cities, especially in Valparaiso and Santiago; Democratico, a group that split from the Democratic Party, which now has become reactionary, plus a number of smaller groups.

The Socialist Party at one time had strong Anarcho-Syndicalist influence and resisted the united front. At their Congress last January, not only was the Trotskyite plea for admission unceremoniously rejected, but the left wing majority made their major plank the united front with the Communists and the advance to the People's Front.

**Wind Blows Toward Victory**  
A People's Front candidate won a seat formerly held by reaction in a by-election in Valparaiso, showing the way the wind is blowing.

Control of Chile by American and British imperialism, with the larger share of its mineral wealth in the hands of the Guggenheims and American Electric Share and Bond Company, has brought bitter poverty to the Chilean people, who are determined not only to resist the more Fascist-like measures of the Alessandri-Ross government, but to win improvements in their living conditions, the extensions of democratic liberties, contained in the People's Front program.

### U.S. Ambassador Sees Pal Batista Put Over Coup

HAVANA, Cuba.—U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery last week watched bloody Col. Fulgencio Batista, whom Caffery put in power in Cuba, put over his stooge, Federico Laredo Bru, as President, succeeding Dr. Miguel Mariano Gomez. Caffery attended the ceremonies installing Bru.

Batista was moving rapidly toward complete Fascist-military dictatorship, following the success of his coup to get Gomez removed on phony charges.

### S.F. Chinese Raise \$10,000 For Heroic Suiyuan Soldiers

SAN FRANCISCO.—Aid in the sum of \$10,000 for the heroic soldiers of Suiyuan Province, China, who have stood off the Japanese-led aggression of "Manchukuan," has been raised by the local branch of the National Salvation League, located on Pine Street between Grant Ave. and Kearney St.

The National Salvation League has 20 branches in the United States. The Mexico branch has also just raised assistance for the Suiyuan soldiers in the sum of \$3,000.

#### FASCIST INFLUENCE

ISTANBUL, Turkey.—Under a new government which works with the Nazis and Italian Fascists, Iraq now has deprived Jews and all minorities of citizenship.

### Press Suppresses Franco's Use of Poison Gas

NEW YORK.—The Associated Press, United Press and most of New York's daily newspapers didn't think the following was news, but see what you think:

A British parliamentary commission, composed of two Conservatives, two Liberals and two Laborites, returned from Madrid and reported: (1) that the Spanish Fascists are using poison gas; (2) that they have proof the Fascists received aid from the Italian and German governments since the outbreak of hostilities; (3) that the British foreign office should grant permission for the sale of gas masks to the Spanish government.

But these so-called news agencies and newspapers, which haven't failed to publicize the most fantastic rumors coming from the Fascists, didn't print this news.

### U.S. Writer Tells Of Mussolini's Aid to Franco

ROME.—"Not a line appears about it in the Italian press, but increasing Fascist supplies and men are pouring into Spain to aid the wobbly rebel forces of General Franco," reports Drew Pearson of "Washington Merry-Go-Round" fame, who is touring Europe.

"Best inside information is that at least 5000 Italians are now fighting in Franco's army, and their number is being increased steadily," writes Pearson. "Officially, Italian troops are paid by General Franco. But that is mere bookkeeping. Actually they are paid with funds advanced Franco by Mussolini."

### Danish Crew Strikes Against Taking War Aid to Franco

BORDEAUX, France.—When the crew decided that a cargo of gasoline destined for Las Palmas was war material for the Spanish Fascists, it went on strike and tied up the Danish steamer "Glara" here.

The captain tried to convince the men that the cargo would be taken to Maderia, but the crew still refused to go any further. The captain threatened to get another crew. The striking seamen went ashore and were sent home by their consulate.

A similar situation developed on the Danish steamer "Eli," which was to take a cargo of coal from England to the Spanish Fascists.

## Wall Street Plots Fascism in Cuba

(Statement, Central Committee, Communist Party, U.S.A.)

Col. Fulgencio Batista, head of the Cuban army, threatens a military coup and the ousting of the elected President, Dr. Miguel Mariano Gomez.

Thus is raised in its sharpest form, the issue of democracy versus a Fascist-like dictatorship in Cuba.

Following the most demagogic, Fascist tactics, Col. Batista has sought to obtain a mass base for the establishment of his dictatorship. He has set out, without

#### Editorial Note

The following statement was issued shortly before President Gomez was ousted from office by Batista, but is printed because of its valuable analysis of the situation in Cuba.

success, to penetrate the trade unions; he has striven to win over the peasants, government employees and many middle class elements.

#### Wall Street's Bloody Hand

Supported by the reactionary American bankers, the Wall St. sugar trusts, Col. Batista has conducted a systematic attack against the legal and civil government of President Gomez in order to weaken it and finally to destroy it, and with it any movement towards real democracy in Cuba.

The immediate crisis in Cuba, carefully plotted by the Fascist-aping head of the army, centers about a demagogic proposal to place a tax of nine cents per bag on sugar ostensibly to raise a fund for "education."

**Fascist Propaganda**  
But under the mask of "education," Col. Batista has set up 700 schools whose teachers are vested with the degree of sergeant in the army, schools which are thinly disguised Fascist and military propaganda dispensaries.

Seeing behind Col. Batista's bill a threat on whatever democratic rights still exist in Cuba, President Gomez has warned that

## TROTSKYISM'S POISON IS PURGED FROM CATALONIAN GOVT. OF PEOPLE'S FRONT

### Expel Disrupters for Helping Fascists; New Government Provides Strength For Winning of Civil War

BARCELONA, Spain.—The poison of Trotskyism, which had sowed disunity and disruption in the Popular Front government of Catalonia, was purged from the government here recently.

The P.O.U.M., Trotskyite Party, was expelled from representation, and a new government was formed, consisting of three members of the Catalan Esquerra or Left, Republican Party, representing the middle-class; four Anarcho-Syndicalists, three members of the United Socialist Party (former Socialist and Communist Parties, now united under the Communist International), and one member of the Rabassaires, peasant organization.

The Trotskyites had aided the Fascists by bitterly fighting the People's Front and the People's Front government.

Also accomplished is the strengthening of the government to enforce its laws, and to carry on a victorious war against the Spanish Fascists.

A Defense Council and a Council of Economy have been created to carry through these aims.

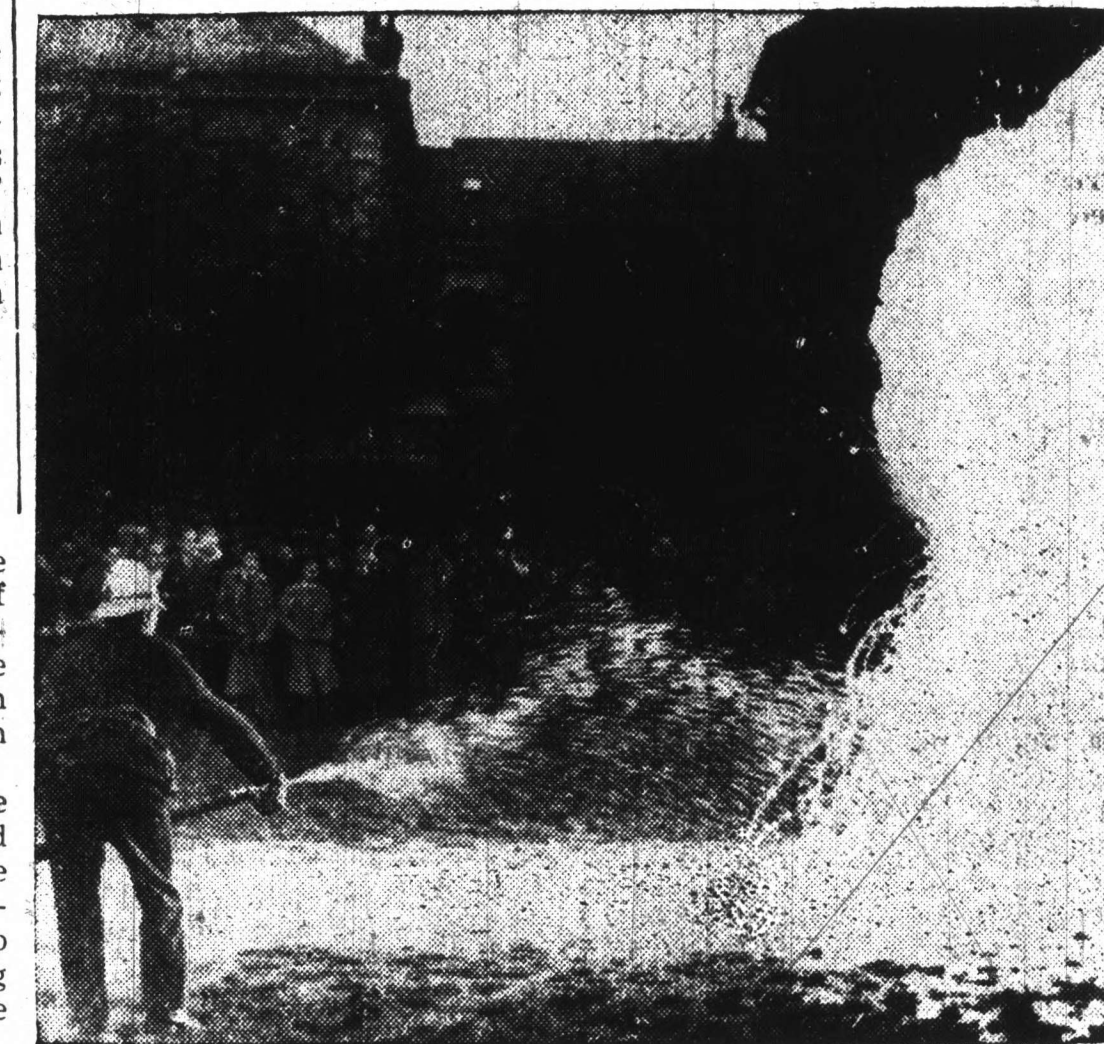
### John L. Lewis Aids Cause of Cuban Democracy

HAVANA.—President Miguel Mariano Gomez received just before his removal from office the following cablegram signed by John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America:

"Million and a half workers affiliated with the C.I.O. are ardently interested and deeply in accord with the effort you are realizing in Cuba toward attaining political and industrial democracy. Dictatorship does not conduce to that end."

"This is our vehement hope: That the convention now in session defends Cuba against military and economic domination and exploitation."

### A Scene From War That Fascists Want



DURING AN exhibition of latest anti-aircraft devices at Geneva, Switzerland, fireman shows League of Nations delegates what little effect water has on a blaze started by a bomb dropped from the sky.

### S.F. Labor Paper Lauds Soviets' Peace Policy

SAN FRANCISCO.—Tribute to the Soviet Union's peace policy was paid by the Labor Clarion, organ of the San Francisco Central Labor Council, in its issue of December 25th last, under the heading of "Talking Back to Dictators," as follows:

"If you want peace, be ready to fight for it."

"The non-Fascist powers of Europe seem to be acting on this maximum. And they are serving notice that if Hitler and Mussolini start something, they will find other folks ready."

"Litvinoff and Kherpin tell the world in general, but Hitler in particular, that Russia has 7000 military airplanes. Premier Blum tells the world and both Hitler and Mussolini that France has the strongest military establishment outside of Russia. Britain has sent her Mediterranean squadron to Barcelona, the port of the Spanish Loyalists which the Fascist rebel, Franco, pretended he would blockade."

"It is the first time that the non-Fascist powers have talked back to the braggart dictators; and it may have a wholesome effect. Especially if, without rousing too much national sentiment, the memory can be revived of what Mussolini and Hitler did to Italian and German labor unions with clubs and prisons and confiscation of union treasures."

### Mexican Fascists Renew Activities

(Mexican Labor News)

MEXICO CITY.—The central offices of the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) have received reports from the border city of Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, that a group of Gold Shirts, headed by their "supreme chief" Nicolas Rodriguez, held a demonstration there to attack the federal government.

Rodriguez was expelled from Mexico last August for his Fascist activities and attacks on organized labor through his Gold Shirt organization. Nevertheless, according to Nuevo Laredo unions, CTM affiliates, local authorities made no effort to prevent his crossing the border or taking part in the demonstration.

The CTM protested to President Cardenas and the Secretary of the Interior, demanding the definite suppression of the Gold Shirts, insisting above all that they no longer be permitted to carry out demonstrations which they utilize to attack the governments and its functionaries as well as the Mexican labor movement.

## JAPAN, NAZIS PLOT WAR ON SOVIET UNION

### Japan Journal Spills Real Aim of Anti-Soviet Pact

TOKYO.—"War with the U.S. is the destiny of Japan, whatever the pacifists may say," declares Reiji Kuroda in the current issue of "Diamond," authoritative Japanese economic journal, thus spilling the beans as to the real aim and content of the Japanese-Nazi German "anti-Communist" agreement.

Kuroda was formerly correspondent in Berlin and Moscow or Asahi, important Japanese newspaper.

Discarding the diplomatic excuses of the Japanese government that the agreement with Germany has no other motive than unity against Communist agitation, Kuroda boldly declares in his article the natural objective of Japan is to wage war on the Soviet Union and "drive it beyond the Arctic Circle."

As the Soviet Union is very powerful, Japan is not able to carry out this task by herself, Kuroda admits. Therefore, he says, "Japan had to sign an agreement against the U.S.S.R. with some country that also considers the Soviet Union its deadly enemy."

"The necessity of concluding an agreement with Western powers can be understood only as that of creating an instrument for carrying out Japan's iron policy to thrust the U.S.S.R. back into the Arctic regions."

Kuroda concludes: "In case of war against the U.S.S.R., Japan need not send troops to the western front, nor need Germany send troops to the eastern front, because the only thing that matters is that Germany and Japan should come out simultaneously in their respective sectors of the anti-Soviet front against the U.S.S.R."

### Nazis Jail Wives of Luis Carlos Prestes and Arthur Ewert

BERLIN.—Forcibly deported by the Brazilian government, wives of Luis Carlos Prestes and Arthur Ewert, political prisoners facing frame-up trials in Buenos Aires, were thrown into the Gestapo Jail by the Nazi secret police here. Ewert is a former Communist deputy to the German Reichstag.

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### Leader of Greek C.P. Faces Nazi-Type Frame-Up

ATHENS, Greece.—The death penalty is asked by Fascist Dictator John Metaxas in the trial of Nikko Kakharas, general secretary of the Communist Party of Greece and member of the Executive Committee of the International.

Zakharides, leader of the united Greek anti-Fascist forces, faces a framed-up charge similar to the railroad of Edgar Andre by the Nazis. He is accused of the murder of a stoolpigeon during a raid on the editorial offices of "Rizospastis," Communist Party organ, in 1926.

Fearing rapid growth of the People's Front, Fascist agents of the big capitalists and landowners, are trying to do away with the people's leaders. More than 3500 persons, including Democrats, Liberals, Communists, and Socialists, have already been thrown into concentration camps. Zakharides has participated in the Greek labor movement since he was 17 years old. In 1924, he began work in the Communist Party, organized strikes and led various mass movements. In 1931 he became secretary of the Central Committee.

Zakharides has become the symbol of the people's fight against reactionary tyranny. His life is in danger. Immediate mobilization of anti-Fascists through out the world is necessary to save him.

#### ANTI-DEPORTATION MEET

NEW YORK.—James Waterman Wise, editor of the People's Press, will be a guest speaker at the conference called Jan. 10 by the Committee for the Protection of the Foreign-Born.

## STANDARD OIL ALSO FIGURES AS WAR-MAKER

### Fights for Profits Got U.S. In Last World Imperialist War

LONDON.—The U. S. Standard Oil Company doesn't only work frame-ups against labor leaders, as in the Modesto case in California, it is also trying to involve the United States in the next World War, through its quest for profits.

British financial authorities report a major "oil war" in the offing due to activity of Standard Oil in the Bahrain fields on the island of Bahrain in the Persian Gulf.

#### Prize for Profiteers

A new oil refinery has just been completed at Bahrain by the Far Eastern Company, which is controlled by Standard Oil of California and the Texas Corporation. The Bahrain fields became a major oil producer this year for the first time, with 246,000 tons production in the first six months, and an estimated future production of 1,000,000 tons annually.

Standard Oil and the Texas Corporation are also exploring the Arabian mainland, where they have secured large concessions of land.

#### Fights British Imperialists

Standard Oil's operations chiefly come into conflict with British imperialism, as manifested through Royal Dutch Shell, Burma Oil Company, Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

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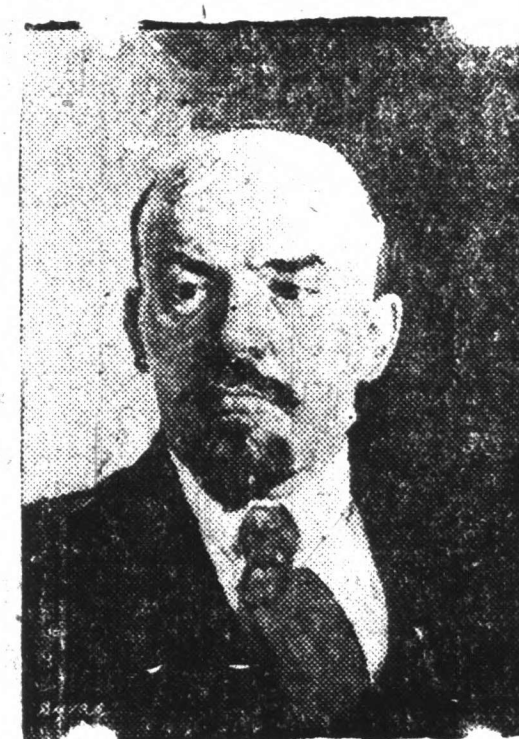
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## LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

When asked what he thought about the ultra-reactionary and anti-labor legislative program brought forward by the 1937 Legislature by the vigilante Associated Farmers of California, Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, said he was confident the Legislature would "throw all these and similar measures into the sewers where they belong with their sponsors."

Such confidence in the Legislature, just because the Assembly has a Democratic majority, is touching but not reassuring.

In fact, it's frightening, because the State Federation's Executive Committee apparently used such "confidence" as a basis for rejecting a resolution to set up a labor lobby in Sacramento to counteract the highly-financed lobbies being set up by the reactionary, pro-Fascist forces of California.

### Childish Confidence

It would be nice to be able to feel confident that the Legislature would not go for the program being advanced by the Associated Farmers, by the California Manufacturers' Association which plans its biggest lobby in California history, and by other anti-labor groups.

But it would be childish to believe that legislators, many of whom—including Democrats—had their campaign expenses paid by these reactionary interests, deserve such trust and confidence.

Such confidence by labor in the California Legislature can only come when a powerful Farmer-Labor Party has put its own representatives from its own ranks into the majority.

### Trust in Organization

This doesn't mean that labor can't fight the manufacturers and big landowners, who are aiming pro-Fascist blows at the unions, in the coming legislative session—far from it.

Labor and labor's friends can put up a man-sized and victorious fight at Sacramento and the organizing weapon is at hand in the California People's Legislative Conference, which is calling a state-wide convention to draft and mobilize support for labor and people's bills, convening in Sacramento on January 16th and 17th.

"Unity is strength," is an old saying, but it can't be repeated too often in these critical times for labor and the people generally. The reactionaries are uniting to put over an anti-labor program, and only unity of the people can prevent it.

If the unions of California, the unemployed organizations, the Epic movement, and all other people's organizations and groups, close ranks to put over their own legislative program, and to fight the program of reaction, the practical and concrete results will be amazing.

This state-wide convention, if given the support it deserves, will prove historic in the state, for it can well become a huge stepping-stone toward the People's Front, toward the Farmer-Labor Party.

### Also in Congress

The forces of labor and other progressive groups must also make themselves felt on a national scale, forces which must eventually express themselves through a national Farmer-Labor Party.

In the last issue of the Western Worker, we printed the proposed legislative program in Congress of the Communist Party. As was our 1936 election program, these legislative planks are not just what the Communists want, they're what every American worker, small farmer and middle-class person in the United States wants, expressed in concrete, down-to-earth terms.

Our program for Congress is in reality a program for a national Farmer-Labor Party, which we want to see built to protect the interests of the American people against the Wall Street gang who would sell the people short, in Hitler-style.

And this program is not something to think about and say: "Well, it will be nice for the future." This is a 1937 program, one to fight for today, in which will expand and grow with the needs of the masses of the American people.

If you want this program put into effect, mobilize support for it now—in your trade union, in your shop or factory, in any organization to which you belong.

### MAY BOYCOTT KING

BOMBAY, India.—As the Indian National Congress was scheduled to open in Faizpur, national leaders discussed a proposal to boycott the coronation durbar of King George VI of Great Britain.

## AUTO WORKERS ORGANIZING IN OAKLAND AREA

C.I.O. Led Drive to Start Booming In January

By a Worker Correspondent  
CHRYSLER-KERCHEVAL in Detroit—75 per cent organized!  
White Motors & Bender Body in Cleveland—100 per cent organized!

Delco-Remy in Anderson, Indiana—employees numbering 10,000 will be organized within a few weeks!

And so on down the line—until we arrive at Oakland, California, the auto center of the West—with the United Automobile Workers of America in the vanguard!

Organize in East Bay  
In January, when the campaign will be intensified, the committee of organization expects to have the East Bay auto center completely organized!

The organizing committee is one formed through the unified action of committees from the United Auto Workers and the Federal Labor Union.

Ford, Fisher Body and Chevrolet, Chevrolet No. 2 Truck Plant Department and Fageol, have been thoroughly covered with educational leaflets.

Workers Respond  
This call for organization has evoked splendid response from the workers. Union secretaries are working full time signing up workers who are coming into the union. This drive is co-ordinated with that of the nation's auto workers and the C.I.O.

Thousands of new members were enrolled in the "We Ain't Got Free Speech" class when, after tuning in on Station KRO W Sunday morning for an organizational talk by the United Auto Workers of America, they discovered that due to pressure put on that station, the broadcast was suppressed.

Union Broadcast  
Station KLS was obtained, however, and every Sunday at 12:45 workers can get union news of organizational activities. Shortage of parts, due to strikes in the East, have caused the Ford plant to shut down partially. The day shift is six hours, the night shift is three hours.

A huge mass meeting has been arranged by the organizing committee for Sunday, January 10, 2 p. m., to be held in the Oakland Auditorium.

Prominent labor leaders of the East Bay and international leaders of the United Auto and Rubber Workers, Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers and other C.I.O. representatives will deliver a call for organization.

## LABOR-HATING JUDGE SHOWN UP, PETALUMA

By a Worker Correspondent

PETALUMA.—I am enclosing a copy of the Pacific Rural Press, in which appeared an item of interest to the Western Worker.

The article appearing on Page 683, entitled a "Labor Program for California," is an insult to the intelligence and principles of any decent and respectable American citizen, and to such great revolutionary patriots as George Washington and the men who drafted the Declaration of Independence, and to Abraham Lincoln who fought the Civil War to wipe out the greatest disgrace any civilized nation could tolerate, chattel slavery.

Scales Weighed for Bosses  
I can not conceive of a Judge making the printed statements you read. As I write these lines, I wonder if the symbol of Justice and mercy, the lady with the scales, is blindfolded or truly blinded to allow such ignominious monstrosities to occupy a chair in the courts of America, as Judge Rex B. Goodcell.

Part of Judge Goodcell's proposed legislation states forbidding the giving of relief to those who voluntarily quit jobs or refuse to take jobs at the going wage.

But the irony of it all is, he seems not to mind in the least if part of his grafting crowd steals the taxpayers' money out of the federal treasury under the polite name of ship subsidies, and numerous other practices which come so close to the border of being plain crooked that it is difficult to define the difference.

"Justice" and Workers  
It is impossible to believe that workers could get a decent trial in court if such politically controlled stinkums sit in judgment at the bar, especially if, as the statements by Goodcell prove

## ALASKA BOSS TRIES PHONEY ON WORKERS

Tries Belittling of Delegates Chosen By the Men

By An Alaska Canner

(Continued from Previous Issue)

BRISTOL BAY, Alaska.—The men went to their appointed tasks after the "Bloody Thursday" Memorial on July 5th, and finished the short afternoon.

The 6th of July was uneventful, with the exception of the question of the delegates. The foremen, in order to belittle the delegates and incidentally to make a big display of their own authority, relieved him (the delegate) of the important job as store room steward.

Important Job  
This job involved the quality and quantity of food that was to flow from the storeroom to the dining room.

From the time he took charge of the store room to this point, the food question was solved. The men were getting variety, quality and quantity, as much as it was possible to do so. With the removal of the delegate, we thought the food question would flare up once more. This delegate was put to work in the fish dock as a "slimer." The bosses began to ride the delegate, taking a certain amount of pleasure in lording it over him.

Being in the kitchen at this period, I find it hard to say to just what extent they went to make it miserable for the delegate. On the 7th of July, the delegate lost his patience and, without consulting anybody, he announced a meeting was to be called that evening.

Enough to Remove Him  
When asked what the meeting was called for, he stated that it was called for the express purpose of bringing the first foreman up for charges. The charges, about 15 in number, would easily have been justification to call for the removal of the foreman by any jury of honest, fair-minded men.

Nevertheless, we advised against taking action at this time, due to the fact that it might disturb the peace that was needed at this time, and would be the wedge to split the unity of the union. We were sure that he would not go through with it. We thought that he was only going to confine himself to airing out these charges, and to withhold action until our arrival in Frisco.

The Fishing Boss was called in order to acquaint him with these charges and to place the blame where it belonged—to prove that the bosses were responsible for all of the trouble in our cannery, that all of these arguments detracted from the harmony that was needed to carry on our work properly.

### Phoney Baloney

The Fishing Boss asked for and was given the floor to speak (and here we have a glaring example of a united front among the bosses). In a typical (I am speaking impartially) manner, he ran down the character of the delegates and the men, rebuffed, and in general insulted the intelligence of the men—all this in a fatherly, apologetic manner. You've heard this type of speech before.

This speech tended to bolster the waning popularity of the boss so much, that he immediately took the offensive, and made a stirring plea in Spanish, with the effect that instead of appearing before the men like the scoundrel that he was, he pictured himself as an honest, hard-working old man and a real unionist in every sense of the word—a boss true enough, but a real unionist no less, an honest, harmless old man that was being crucified for his good old union principles.

He Ought to Be in Pictures  
In closing, he threw the meeting into confusion by resigning. It was a brilliant piece of acting. It had the effect he expected. He had succeeded in turning the tables in his favor. As he walked out, we tried to get the floor but this was impossible. The meeting broke up into small groups of men arguing, for and against, the foreman.

(To Be Continued in Our Next Issue.)

they enter the court with preconceived prejudices.

One part of the column states that Harry Bridges costs the state \$75,000,000. This sentence is supposed to be stated in the article by a "commentator," whatever that is.

This paper hides behind the name of Associated Farmers, when in reality they mean "Associated Gangsters."

## A Youth Trained for Slaughter



IN THIS issue is printed a special youth page (Page 5). The youth of the Soviet Union have a golden future before them; the Nazi youth (like those shown above) starve and are trained for slaughter on the battlefield.

## Voices of LABOR

All Workers Agree With This Letter

Sacramento, Calif.

Editor, Western Worker:  
As I was reading the Sunday Morning Union of December 27, 1936, I saw that Harry Bridges, San Francisco maritime strike leader, was booked at the Long Beach jail on charges of investigation of negligent homicide and ordered held without bail pending an inquest into the traffic death of an eight-year old boy.

I surely don't think Harry Bridges would do anything like that if it was avoidable because he, a leader of the Pacific Coast longshoremen, wouldn't betray him men and is always helping his men to fight for a better standard of living. Hope he is cleared on charges of negligent homicide and that people are not so narrow-minded in believing it, and wish people would send in letters to the Long Beach Police Department and demand his freedom.

Comradely yours,  
M. K.

Says "Western" Is Invaluable to Him  
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Yours in revolt,  
V. A.

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Roswell, New Mexico.

Editor, Western Worker:  
We comrades here in New Mexico are glad you have Louise Todd back again. Give her our welcome also back into the great work.

Comradely yours,  
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## El Paso Preacher Is "Red-Baiter"

By a Worker Correspondent

EL PASO, Texas.—When A. H. Hughey, superintendent of schools here, came out in a speech before the Daughters of the American Revolution advocating that "such issues as Communism" be explained to the students in the schools, he got one Rev. W. H. Mansfield, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, all fired up, even though the minister was away off in Palo Alto, California, for Christmas holidays.

Rev. Mansfield sent a questionnaire to Hughey asking did he believe in "the immortality of the soul," etc., etc.

Rev. Mansfield also wrote that he would demand Hughey's resignation for making the above statement, and yelled: "How many persons are qualified to discuss Communism without furnishing dangerous fuel to the fire of youth?"

Fortunately, not all ministers are reactionary as the Rev. Mansfield, particularly in the Methodist Church, which has taken some progressive stands.

Claudia Williams to Speak at Stanford On Youth Assembly

PALO ALTO.—Stanford students will have an opportunity to discuss the plans for a California Youth Act here Jan. 7 when an open forum will be held under the joint sponsorship of the American Student Union and the Stanford Y.W.C.A. branch. Mrs. Claudia Williams of the Y.W.C.A. will lead the discussion of the policies and plans for the act.

## VON TELLROPP STILL TRYING PHONEY STUFF

Aids Sardine Bosses By Trying to Set Up Co. Union

By a Worker Correspondent

RICHMOND.—J. L. Von Tellropp, exposed phoney in the ranks of organized labor, who was recently removed as president of the Contra Costa County Trades and Labor Council, is still carrying on anti-labor activities.

His latest stunt is helping the sardine industry to set up an "A. F. of L." company union, and he recently gave a dinner in the Carquinez Hotel here and a big blow-out at the Liberty Hotel in Pittsburg to a selected group of men from the sardine reduction plants to push his company union set-up along.

Both parties were free to the men who attended, being paid for by the Sardine industry Association of bosses.

Von Tellropp is trying to break up the Fish Reduction and Cannery Workers Union, Local 20,249, which has already won agreements, and is telling the men he has an A.F.L. charter, which he hasn't.

Union Leaders Block Plot  
So far he hasn't been able to get a charter, due to the efforts of Pat Lydon, organizer of the Contra Costa County Trades and Labor Council, and secretary of Cannery Workers Union, Local 20,238, and of William Pugh, President of Local 20,238 and representative of the fish reduction workers in this area. Lydon and Pugh wired a protest to William Green, A.F.L. president.

Von Tellropp is claiming to represent the Vallejo Central Labor Council, which he doesn't. At the Carquinez Hotel dinner here, a man named Campbell, former district attorney of Monterey County, was helping Von Tellropp out in his anti-labor scheme.

Von Tellropp put over a phoney scheme with the bosses on this new company union set-up, in which 147 men were deceived into his "union" by having the bosses, take \$3 dues out of all their pay checks.

By appointment of Comboy of the Teamsters' Union of San Francisco, Von Tellropp is business agent of the new Teamsters' local in Martinez, but the men in the local have a petition out demanding his removal, which the majority of the members have signed.

## Students Protest Cuts in NYA Pay

Share-Croppers Get The Credit For Fighting Peonage

By a Worker Correspondent  
PETALUMA.—Enclosed find article in a paper called "The Record," Sonoma County's semi-weekly newspaper. On the back page, under the heading "That Peonage Conviction," you will note that the Department of Justice, otherwise the "G-Men," is receiving congratulations on the conviction of an Arkansas farmer on the charge of peonage.

This peonage is what such men as Judge (?) Rex B. Goodcell had in mind when he stated his slavery program for California. (See story in Column 5 on this page.)

It is too bad they don't investigate some of the slave markets in other parts of the country; they certainly would not be hard to find.

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## Chemical Workers Pay for Plant's Xmas "Presents"

By a Worker Correspondent  
NICHOLAS, Calif.—Some 130 workers in the General Chemical Company plant here in Contra Costa County received presents of turkeys for Christmas, but the pay-off is they had to pay for them themselves.

The workers are unorganized, and the company put over a so-called "sick benefits" fund, to which the workers pay 50 cents a month for every 50 cents the company puts in, and if a worker gets sick, he gets \$10 a week.

"Big-Hearted" Bosses  
The company decided it was going to give Christmas presents around to the workers, but it wasn't going to pay for them itself.

The company officials got hold of the three workers who are trustees for the "sick benefits" fund, and forced them to sign the check to pay for 130 turkeys "presents" for the men. The three workers protested, but it was either sign or get fired from their jobs.

## GOP and Socialist Campaigns Got Her Cash Support

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting, of New York City, contributed both to the Republican Party and to the Socialist Party in the 1936 election campaign, it was shown here in reports to the special Senate Committee investigating campaign expenditures.

She contributed \$12,500 to the Republican campaign for Alf Landon, and \$1500 to the Socialist Party campaign for Norman Thomas.

## Mates Blast Away At Company Union

SAN FRANCISCO—Aimed at the company union, the United Licensed Officers organization, the Masters, Mates and Pilots here have passed the following resolution:

Whereas: no organization no matter how remotely connected with or sponsored by the Employers can be of ultimate benefit to employees, and

Whereas: all members of the National Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots, Local No. 90, have taken an obligation to this part and solemnly pledged themselves to support the Masters, Mates and Pilots of America, and

Whereas: this pledge is tantamount to an honorable man's word which is one of the few things in life which is left to lean on and cherish, it was

Resolved: that any member of the Masters, Mates and Pilots who participate in any activities whatsoever of a dual organization, unless specifically instructed to act as observers subsequent to this date, be forthwith dealt with according to Article 22, Section 2 of the Constitution of the National Organization of the Masters, Mates and Pilots of America, for such vicious activities.

## REFLECTIONS ON REICHSTAG FIRE TRIAL

Dimitrov Fund Urged By Famed Labor Attorney

By LEO GALLAGHER

At this season the thoughts of all progressive people revert to the great central figure of the historic Reichstag fire trial.

Three years ago the madmen of Berlin were forced to release the heroic Dimitroff and those accused with him. The Nazi government had fully determined to justify its brutal seizure of power by casting responsibility for the Reichstag fire on Dimitroff and his associates.

They were defeated in this attempt by Dimitroff's heroic defense and by the tremendous world protest which literally reverberated throughout the court.

As one sat as a spectator in this great historic drama, one recognized at once that it was not the accused who was on trial, but the judges and the Nazi government. The court itself was for the most part on the defensive, attempting to explain and excuse their misconduct and refute the charges made in the Brown Book.

This trial should be an important lesson to every anti-Fascist unfortunate enough to find himself before a Fascist court. Dimitroff has shown us how we must conduct ourselves in court, throwing frame-up charges back into the faces of the judges and converting the trial into an accusation against the government itself.

The Leipzig trial should impress upon all people the importance and effectiveness of mass pressure, which can snatch a framed worker from the hands of the most vicious reactionary government.

Progressive forces throughout the world should establish a great Dimitroff Fund to be used for the defense of anti-Fascist leaders who are brought before Fascist tribunals. Such a fund must be prepared so that effective action can be taken on short notice when the Hitler axeman bring Ernst Thaelmann to trial.

## Jury Disagrees On Merriam's "Pal"

LOS ANGELES.—"Queen Helen," or Mrs. Helen Werner, was gloating last week over her temporary freedom, following disagreement of a jury on charges of bribery against her, her husband Erwin "Peticoat Pete" Werner, and Joseph Weinblatt. However, she was scheduled to face retrial shortly after the first of the year.

"Queen Helen" has openly bragged about her friendship with Governor Merriam, and last week, as the case was about to go to the jury, was sporting orchids she said were a gift from the governor.

Indictment of the three followed investigation into liquor control graft in Los Angeles County.

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# L. A. Young Spring and Wire Has Been Taught a Lesson

## LEARN MONKEY BUSINESS OUT FROM NOW ON

### Second Strike Brings Federal Union a Big Victory

By NAT YANISH

OAKLAND—L. A. Young Spring and Wire Corp. has discovered that workers are honorable men and are so naive they expect employers to be honorable likewise. This new intelligence, however, came to the L. A. Young bosses at a slight cost to them!

Not quite a year ago, the workers of L. A. Young spontaneously struck. Born and bred in Los Angeles, the company was viciously anti-labor. The employees worked under perpetual conditions of insecurity and hazards to health; speed-up and espionage; company union and discrimination.

A militant and determined walk-out resulted in a decisive victory for the workers. The L. A. Young management, however, through some fantastic process of reasoning comprehensible only to an anti-labor employer-mind, concluded that they were not obligated by the terms of the settlement and proceeded to ignore the awards.

Instead, they became generous in their distribution of liquor. Their object—to create a company union. The leaders of the first victorious strike, John Mirandy and Robert Riley, were "purchased," Mirandy, with a salary increase of 100 per cent and Riley with the post of foreman.

Mirandy and Riley selected a shop committee of five to "represent" the workers. They refused to recognize the Federal Labor Union.

When the liquor was finally absorbed, the workers balked at the company union. They rebelled, demanded the fruits of their first victory.

The strikers literally flocked into the Federal Labor Union. The first day of the walk-out, six new members were signed up; the second day, 15; the third, 64; and the fourth, 180 new members. The F.L.U. reorganized the shop committee and raised the number from 5 to 21.

Mirandy and Riley, thoroughly discredited, were expelled. These finks, at their masters' instigation, rushed around panicky, demanding that the workers ignore the teamsters' picket line, that the F.L.U. send the men back to work, etc.

L. A. Young meanwhile had profited by the experience of the first strike. It made no attempt to run scabs this time. The plant was completely shut down.

After two months of the second strike, now under the militant leadership of the Federal Labor Union (during which directors cried loudly for lost dividends), the strikers won a complete victory—and taught the L. A. Young management that it did not pay to try to keep the workers from their due.

The second victory brought a 10c increase in wages over the first award—from 50c to 60c an hour. Prior to this they had succeeded in obtaining only department seniority. The second strike brought full plant seniority! Tenative recognition for the F.L.U. and agreement to meet with the shop committee—open man from each department—were other victorious points.

## Crucial Stage in Mooney Fight



THE FIGHT FOR TOM MOONEY'S freedom reaches a climax on Jan. 4 when referee will decide on basis of new evidence. A.F.L. convention in November reaffirmed determination to fight for his and Billings' freedom. Mooney (indicated by arrow) is here shown at hearings last year.

## WHEN LABOR TOLD 'EM OFF L.A. Furriers In Fight Affecting All Trade Unions

### To American Legion in San Jose

SAN JOSE—When San Jose Post, 89, of the American Legion asked the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council to cooperate in forming a "National Defense Board" in San Jose, the Labor Council told the Legion plenty in reply. Here's what the labor body said:

San Jose Post No. 89, The American Legion, 201 Bank of America Building, San Jose, Calif. Gentlemen:

Your communication has been received and submitted to the Central Labor Council.

The subject matter of your letter was extensively discussed and the recommendation made that your organization be acquainted with the views of the Council relative to the propositions concerning National defense therein.

1. The Central Labor Council has full confidence in the National government to build and maintain an adequate army and navy for all purposes of national defense.

No "Heimwehr"

2. The Central Labor Council does not believe in the creation of a "Heimwehr" of a semi-private nature that could possibly be used for purposes other than defending the American people from foreign invaders. It has been the experience of Labor that the National Guard has seldom, if ever, been used for any other purpose than to break strikes of workers striving to secure a living wage.

3. The Council is of the opinion that pacifism should be promoted rather than combat and that such activities should not be branded as unpatriotic.

Furthermore, it is of the opinion that military propaganda can never be considered as of educational nature.

4. If conditions should arise that it becomes necessary to defend the United States from foreign aggressors Labor will not be found wanting in its duty; the crosses now standing on French soil are evidence of this.

As to "Big Army"

The Central Labor Council assumes that Post No. 89 is promoting the program advanced in its communication in the interests of peace and security for the American Nation.

However, history and events have proven that bigger armies and navies and the lavish show

of military display have never been conducive to maintaining peace.

Therefore the Central Labor Council must respectfully decline the offer to participate in any organization other than through the constituted authorities, i. e., the Government of the United States.

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## LOTS OF BOOZE GOES WITH THE "YELLOW DOG"

### San Diego Growers Try to Force a Slave Agreement

SAN DIEGO—Celery growers of San Diego county have attempted to foist a fake yellow dog contract upon individual workers, in some cases demanding that they sign this outrageous "agreement" before going to work.

This is the first move on the part of the growers to break up the unions that the workers have worked so hard and sacrificed so much for. However, the unions feel sure that few of the field workers will be taken in by this stupid trick; any one can see that it offers absolutely nothing to the workers while it demands complete submission of the workers to the Celery Growers' Association.

The "agreement" put forward by the bosses sets wages at 30c-40c per hour "subject to change without notice." This is no more than they are paying now and in some places less. This item has drawn a good laugh from the workers who know that the Agricultural Workers' Union are demanding wages of 40c-55c per hour this year.

A Slave Agreement

As a great many workers know, most of the space in the "agreement" is taken up with tying the workers' hands and demanding that they permit the Celery Growers' Association to take over the management of their lives. Out of 9 articles in the "agreement" 5 are devoted exclusively to this.

The fake contract establishes the following: that the "agreement" may terminate at any time that is agreeable to the employers and is subject to change (by employers) without notice; that the workers shall not be allowed to strike; that the "agreement" is binding upon the workers but not upon the growers; and in point 5 the employers have the gall to propose that in all disputes the Celery Growers' Association or its agents are to be "sole arbitrators." The decision of said arbitrator shall be accepted as binding upon both parties.

The methods that the growers are using in their attempt to put this yellow dog over indicate that it is not receiving much support from the workers now in the field. The employer offers his crew "lots of wine" betraying the fact that even the writers of the contract feel that no worker in full possession of his senses would sign it.

When this fails he tries intimidation and threats, but still the workers refuse to sign. The boss then sends his stool pigeons—professional scabs, for which we have many more appropriate names—into the field to set an example by signing the "agreement" in front of the workers. Usually the stools are the only ones to sign. The boss of course tries to make the workers in the field believe that all the workers in the county have signed. This must be branded as false. It is obvious that no self-respecting worker will sign it.

The "agreement" is not only an insult to the intelligence of the Agricultural Workers, but is an undoubted sign of treacherous hostility towards the workers and their unions.

be transmitted to the stewardship of the San Francisco Labor Council.

Representatives from the San Francisco and Alameda County Central Labor Councils, the San Francisco Building Trades Council and from 37 local unions in the two counties met at this organization meeting in San Francisco and elected as their temporary officers: Chairman, Jack Shelley; Vice-Chairman, C. E. Morris; and Secretary, Herbert Resner. Mr. Shelley is Vice-President of the San Francisco Labor Council, Mr. Morris is a member of Carpenters' Union No. 463, and Mr. Resner is associate counsel in the King, Ramsey, Conner case in Oakland. Temporary organization of this group will be effected at a meeting to be held in January in San Francisco. It is expected that similar organizations will be started in all other California cities.

Great Interest Unflagging

That the interest in the fate of Mooney and Billings continues to be nationwide is evi-

denced by the large number of letters which pour in on the Mooney San Francisco headquarters and on Tom himself in the San Francisco County Jail where he has been incarcerated for the past 13 months while his habeas corpus pleadings have been fought. He is grateful to organized labor for its support and invariably states that without it he would long ago have sunk back into the hopeless oblivion of a life going through the motions of a living death.

On his return trip to California, Attorney Davis will stop at Chicago for lunch with Clarence Darrow, the internationally famous attorney. He will also visit with Mayor Hoan of Milwaukee and with Senator LaFollette and Governor Phil LaFollette at Madison, Wisconsin, and will spend New Year's Day with his uncle John P. Devaney, who is Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Mr. Davis will then leave for California, arriving in San Francisco the day before the legal proceedings before Referee Shaw.

It is expected that the campaign for their freedom will continue.

## Richmaid, Long Foe of Labor, Is Now on the Rocks

By a Richmaid Worker

LONG BEACH—A recent news item states that "court orders Richmaid Creamery sold at public auction to liquidate debts." Harbor residents will no longer buy their products though they once did a flourishing business.

Working conditions were not right—employees organized and company fought the union. Richmaid was declared unfair. About this time the Merchants and Manufacturers Association ran full page ads in Los Angeles saying that they would not employ any employer who had anything to do with employees organizing.

Richmaid rushed to the fight, imported about 50 gunmen, hired lawyers, started expensive litigation and bawled loudly for help from everybody.

Union Territory Organized big business (rugged individuals) backed this fight vigorously as long as Richmaid cash and credit lasted. Only then did this company, deserted by its friends, agree to union demands.

The harbor area is now union territory and we do not want Richmaid products any more. We know a rat is always by nature just a rat.

Let the organized merchants and manufacturers drink the Richmaid milk.

We patronize our not so hostile enemies.

A united labor front won this battle!

Let us win the war with a Farmer Labor Party.

## Showing How to Use Co. Union

PITTSBURGH—Progressive steel industry came out openly for bonafide unionism, as 150 active major steel mill men, representing the eastern seaboard met at Pittsburgh, endorsed the Committee for Industrial Organization and set up a permanent organization.

Taking in district joint representatives councils, the new body is to be known as the CIO Representative Council.

Elmer J. Maloy of Duquesne, Pa., was elected president for the eastern region. A leader among revolting company unionists, he is widely known as chairman of the general council of 18 employee reps from Carnegie-Illinois mills in the Pittsburgh district. He was one of those who testified before the Natl. Labor Relations Board—testimony which, as one employee rep put it, contained "enough evidence to hang 10 company unions."

Strong Appeal

The meeting heard a stirring appeal from Chairman Phil Murray of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee. Arthur H. Young, U. S. Steel's vice-president in charge of labor relations, turned down an invitation to speak. He is putting—and worried about his own job for letting his pet company union set-up get out of hand.

Murray called it an employee misrepresentation plan and said: "It is a sop and a subterfuge."

We mean to put this employee representation plan out of business. It is controlled, created and influenced and dominated by management. A rising tide of opposition will sweep it aside. You men in the mills will kill it as dead as a doornail."

Resolutions called the company union "a farce, a sham and an insult to the intelligence of steel workers," under which

## PLAIN TALK TO GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

### Meet With Union or Else—Big Co. Informed

WASHINGTON—The General Motors Corporation must meet union representatives "half way" or accept the consequences, John A. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, declared here following a conference between heads of the United Automobile Workers, a C.I.O. affiliate, and General Motors officials.

Lewis statement was made following reports that Wm. S. Knudson, executive vice-president of General Motors, had old Homer S. Martin, president of the U.A.W.A., to consult with managers of branch factories regarding grievances. Martin declared that such a procedure would be a "farce" and Lewis echoed his words.

"The General Motors Corp. now has an opportunity to work out a satisfactory agreement with the U.A.W.A.," Lewis said, "in view of the condition of the industry this would be an intelligent course for General Motors to follow."

"If the corporation elects to do otherwise, it must assume responsibility for the result."

Lewis refused to amplify his statement but it was assumed that if the union is forced to take strike action to enforce its demands for collective bargaining it will receive the wholehearted aid and support of the C.I.O.

In the meantime a series of strikes in automobile supply plants continued to hamper production work in the industry. At the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. plant, supplying the Ford Motor Co., 5000 workers won a strike after the shortage of supplies was reported as having a serious effect on the Ford production at River Rouge.

In Atlanta and Kansas City workers in Chevrolet and Fisher Body plants were out. Glass workers in Pittsburgh had glass production for the automobile industry shut down by strike.

"company union representatives try to bargain and the management actually does the collecting."

C.I.O. employee reps will "remain inside the company union for reasons obvious to all. A national convention of steel workers will be called in the near future. In the meantime, the following scale items forwarded to the S.W.O.C.: \$5-a-day minimum, 6-hour day and 5-day week, paid vacations, time-and-a-half for overtime and double time on Sundays and holidays.

The S.W.O.C. has lined up 4,634 in the Homestead Works, nearly half the personnel. Membership of the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers is now announced as 115,000. The industry numbers about 500,000.

## Pedro Teamsters Don't Stand Back

SAN PEDRO—The San Pedro local of the Chauffeurs and Truck Drivers Union report the union is co-operating with Los Angeles locals to unionize truck drivers throughout the Southern California area.

H. S. Hardy was elected president of Local 692 in the election conducted recently. Unopposed for re-election, J. J. Bardwell, secretary-treasurer, and Harold Waterbury, recording secretary and business agent, were elected by acclamation and their terms of office lengthened to three years.

Also re-elected for a three-year period was R. J. Seltzer, assistant business manager and two-year trustee.

Other officers elected in the balloting were C. O. Wertz, vice president, and V. H. Croft, three-year trustee.

## Ky. Governor Denies Freedom for Framed Harlan Coal Miners

FRANKFORT, Ky.—Despite the pleas of the secretary of the Kentucky State Federation of Labor and other labor leaders, Gov. A. B. Chandler refused either pardons or paroles to the Harlan coal miners. The Kentucky Miners Defense says that the campaign for their freedom will continue.

## Committee for Anti-Picket Law Repeal Is Named in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO—The committee to direct the campaign to end the anti-picket law which has handicapped San Francisco labor for 20 years has been named by Vandevelde and

President Thomas L. Chambers of the Building Trades Council, with John A. O'Connell, Labor Council secretary as the committee's secretary, the anti-picket campaign body includes:

Frank Brown, Molders' Union; George Hollis, Typographical No. 21; Laurence Palacios, Laundry Workers; George G. Kidwell, Bakery Wagon Drivers; Clarence H. King, Musicians; Jack Smith, Plasterers; James E. Ricketts, business representative of the Building Trades Council; Hugo Kent, international vice-president of the Culinary Workers; Jack Spaulding, Plumbers; Fred West, Window Cleaners; Dan Del Carlo, Glass Workers; Jack Field, Steam Fitters; Carl Barnes, Milk Wagon Drivers; Joseph Mazza, Bricklayers; Henry Schmitt, Longshoremen; Joseph Murphy, Hod Carriers; Warren D. Denton, Warehousemen; Gordon Stein, Fur Workers; Robert Scott, Street Carmen No. 1004; C. T. McDonald, Cooks No. 44; Harry McCormick, Laborers; James McKnight, Electricians.

## Kick in Slat For Bus Co. Unions

WASHINGTON—Reinstatement with full back pay of Vincent Sager and Henry A. Camy, bus drivers discharged because they had joined the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, by the Pacific Greyhound Lines Inc. was ordered here by the National Relations Board.

The board also directed the company to withdraw all recognition from the Drivers' Association as representative of its drivers for the purpose of collective bargaining, notify its drivers and representatives of the Drivers' Association that the association has been disestablished as a representative in collective bargaining of the drivers, and post notices regarding the disestablishment of the Drivers' Association.

A Company Union The Drivers' Association, the board found, was a company union formed to defeat organizational activity of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the Brotherhood of Motor Coach Operators.

A "cease and desist" order was issued by the N.L.R.B. to the Union Pacific Stages Inc. directing the company to stop interference with the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees. Reinstatement of Hebe Dobbs and Carroll B. Kiesel, discharged because of union activities, with back pay was also ordered.

Harold G. Allen, the board found, was discharged for due cause and his reinstatement was not ordered as requested. The case of F. H. Woodford was reserved for further consideration.

Make the Labor Page of the Western Worker a real page of, by and for organized labor

## Trade Unions and Legislation

The following are extracts from the trade union report of Jack Stachel, organization secretary of the Communist Party, at the recent plenary session of the C.P. Central Committee in New York. They deal with the trade unions and legislation, and the Labor Party.

We should also raise the question of a national conference of social and labor legislation, to be held in Washington during the sessions of Congress. This should not be decided by us as something we are going out to carry through. Rather, there should be a general get-together of all progressive groupings in a national legislative conference, bringing mass pressure to bear upon Congress in the early months of its session.

We should raise with our progressive friends the discussion of possible measures to democratize election rights and practices in the United States, thereby advancing civil liberties generally. There should be federal regulation of all elections involving federal officials which is not entirely a state affair with resulting chaos. This is an obstacle to developing a national fight for civil rights.

We want to give special attention to consolidating and extending the existing local and state Farmer-Labor Parties. There should be a warning word

## TWO OFFICES FOR DRIVE ON STEEL IN CAL.

### CIO Organizers to Start Organization Drive Soon

SAN FRANCISCO—Offices for the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, sponsored by the Committee for Industrial Organization, will probably be opened in San Francisco and in Los Angeles the latter part of January, it was indicated here by Richard Francis and William Jolympie, representing the S.W.O.C. on the West Coast.

Francis and Dalrymple left here for Seattle but plan to return here about January 10th. Thousands of Steel Workers in California

Returning from a survey of steel mills and steel fabrication plants around Los Angeles, all of which come under the jurisdiction of the steel union, the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, both organizers expressed themselves as surprised at the number of factories and workers in this industry in that locality.

The big Columbia plant at Torrance, factories in Vernon, Wilmington and Huntington Park, involve many thousands of workers, they said.

Due to the extent of the steel industry in the Los Angeles area, they plan to have two offices in California, one in L. A. and one in San Francisco to handle the industry chiefly located in the Bay Area in Contra Costa County and in South San Francisco. The Columbia plant at Pittsburg in Contra Costa County employs nearly 2500 workers.

The drive to organize the steel workers will definitely start shortly after the first of the year, according to plans of Francis and Dalrymple.

Dalrymple is an international representative of the United Mine Workers of America, and Francis is secretary of District 10 of the U.M.W.A. in the Northwest.

## Bosses Don't Like To Hear This Song

NEW YORK.—Acknowledgment of the strides being made by the Committee for Industrial Organization in its campaign to unionize the nation's 30,000,000 unorganized workers is contained in a recent issue of Iron Age, steel trade magazine.

Describing the manner in which union auto workers have cooperated with striking members of the Federation of Flat Glass Workers, the writer declares, "The tie-up of steel, glass, rubber and automobiles is being effected quite rapidly."

"The keynote to the whole situation is found in the workers song, 'Solidarity,' which was heard from the lips of the strikers as they left the Midland Steel plant just prior to the final settlement."

## CLIMAX OF 21-YEAR FIGHT FOR FREEDOM OF TOM MOONEY COMES ON JANUARY 4TH

SAN FRANCISCO—The story of Tom Mooney's and Warren Billings' unjust confinement in California prisons will again become material for nationwide newspaper headlines, on January 4, 1937.

On that date the next legal step by Mooney's attorneys will be made. This move will be the presentation by Attorney George Davis of proposed findings of fact. These findings will be presented to Referee A. E. Shaw, who will also be the recipient of counter-findings prepared by the prosecution. From these sets of findings, Referee Shaw will in turn make his recommendations to the State Supreme Court with regard to the innocence or guilt of Mooney.

Climax of Fight

Thus the climax in the twenty-one year fight for justice for labor's champions is being reached. For if the State Supreme Court should agree with the findings of the Mooney attorneys, immediate freedom would result. Should the decision be adverse, Mooney and

Billings, for the first time, will have the privilege of carrying their case to the United States Supreme Court where, it is generally felt, their freedom would be sure to result.

Attorney Davis left San Francisco on December 17 by TWA plane for New York, where he will hold final consultations with his legal associates in the case, Frank P. Walsh and John Finerty. He spent ten days in New York and his time, aside from his legal consultations, was crowded with interviews with prominent Eastern liberals who are anxious to know the latest news about California's famous prisoners.

Davis carried with him to New York a transcript of the testimony gathered during the 13 months of hearing of the case before Referee Shaw.

This testimony consists of 14,000 pages bound into 20 massive volumes. It cost approximately \$15,000 to compile this testimony. Davis has been studying it and annotating it intensively during the past six months, which made

it necessary for him to bring the books with him to New York by plane, for his consultations with Walsh and Finerty.

Labor Prepares

The forces of California organized labor are beginning to prepare for this final and victorious Mooney-Billings battle. On Sunday, December 6th, the "San Francisco Bay Area A.F.L. Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings" was organized. Its purpose will be to carry out the mandate of the Convention of the California State Federation of Labor.

At its Sacramento Convention last September, the Federation adopted a resolution "that the Federation Secretary stand instructed hereby to circulate all Central Labor bodies and Local Unions immediately upon adjournment, embodying the contents of this resolution and requesting them to immediately form in their respective communities, Mooney Billings defense committees to raise necessary funds and receive donations to this cause, all of which are to

be transmitted to the stewardship of the San Francisco Labor Council."